



President Chaim Herzog stands next to the memorial flame at the Western Wall at the start of Memorial Day for Israel's Fallen last night. Stories on Memorial Day and Independence Day on pages 2 and 5.
(Rahamim Israeli)

'Irregularities' charged

5 agencies barred from handling U.S. visas

By Jerusalem Post Reporter
The American Consulate in Jerusalem has banned five travel agencies from handling U.S. visa applications. According to a travel-business source, the move followed "irregularities" in the way the agencies had submitted applications.
In a form letter sent out to travel agencies in the capital, the consulate said that the five were no longer authorized to submit visa applications and warned that any agency that attempted to submit them on their behalf would also be banned.
Normally, travel agencies selling flight tickets or package tours have the right to submit visa applications, thus saving their clients time and trouble. The U.S. is known for being scrupulous in its examination of such requests.
The banning was described by a source as "unprecedented."
The five banned agencies include Histour, International Travel, Israc, Lis and Rejwan.
"Any attempt to present visa applications on behalf of the aforementioned agencies will result in the revocation of the privilege to submit visa applications to this office," the letter said.
Yona Ahituv, Histour's Jerusalem director said that she knew why the letter was sent, "but that is between them and us." She said that the Association of Travel Agents was dealing with the matter, and she hoped it would soon be solved.
Another source in the travel business noted that the U.S. consulate had established criteria for visas and "we have to honour them." When a visa is denied, he said, the agent does not know why and "they have no obligation to tell us."

Ethiopian immigrant escapes serious injury

Hebron under curfew after Friday stabbing

By JOEL GREENBERG
Hebron's marketplace was under curfew yesterday, following Friday's stabbing in the area of an Ethiopian immigrant. The curfew on the market was lifted for two hours to allow shopping for food, but it was to remain in force until midnight.
Arye Rada, 40, of Jerusalem, was stabbed in the chest shortly before noon on Friday as he shopped in the cashbah with his brother for the Sabbath. Rada managed to grab the knife as he was stabbed and suffered only a light wound, though the knife penetrated just above his heart.
After scuffling with the assailant who let go of the knife, Rada and his brother gave chase, but the attacker disappeared in the crowded market.
Rada made his way to the nearby Jewish courtyard, where IDF soldiers took him in. He was given aid at the Avraham Avinu synagogue by Rabbi Moshe Levinger's wife, Miriam who is a nurse, before the arrival of army medics. He was taken to a military clinic in Hebron and later released.
Troops closed off and searched the marketplace as a curfew was clamped on the area. Dozens of

suspects were rounded up for questioning.
The stabbing, the fourth in the past year, occurred in the identical time and place as the previous attacks. The knifings have all taken place in the cashbah on Friday mornings, when the market is packed with Arab and Jewish shoppers.
In East Jerusalem yesterday, the al-Hakawati theatre was ordered closed for 12 hours from 2:00 p.m. Military sources said a May Day meeting of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine had been planned on the premises. On Friday the neighbouring Hamra cinema was closed for 12 hours to prevent what military sources said was a planned similar gathering of supporters of the Democratic Front for Liberation of Palestine.
In Gaza yesterday, a parked Israeli car caught fire when a burning rag was thrown at it in Palestine Square, but there were no injuries. Troops closed off and searched the area, and rounded up persons for questioning. On Friday an IDF patrol found a grenade which had been planted near Medina square in the city.

8 killed in Gaza crash

By BRADLEY BURSTON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
and Itim
KHAN YUNIS. - Eight residents of the Gaza Strip were killed yesterday and 11 injured in a collision involving a UNRWA vehicle and a bus.
The accident occurred on the main highway south of the Katif bloc.
According to police investigators, the bus was driving close behind the UNRWA truck when the truck driver braked suddenly. Unable to stop in time, the bus then ploughed into the rear of the UNRWA vehicle, killing eight passengers. Three of the

11 injured were reported in serious condition.
Following the accident, scores of anxious relatives mobbed the emergency room of the small hospital here in an effort to learn the fate of the injured.
There were seven other fatalities in 56 serious accidents last week. Five of those killed were pedestrians, one of them a minor.
A West European diplomat is suspected of causing the death of a 65-year-old woman on Friday. She was hit while crossing the coastal road near Givat Olga.

Hussein-Mubarak summit postponed; Jordanians deny agreement

Jerusalem awaits 'definitive statement' from King Hussein

By BENNY MORRIS,
WOLF BLITZER and Agencies
Two Jordanian ministers yesterday denied that agreement had been reached between Jordan and Israel on procedures for setting up an international Middle East peace conference.
In Jerusalem Foreign Minister Peres and his aides were miffed at the recent spate of Jordanian statements asserting that Jordan continues to insist on PLO participation in the conference. But they are still waiting for a definitive statement from King Hussein, which had been delayed by last night's unexpected postponement of a Hussein-Mubarak summit in Luxor, Egypt.
Observers had expected the two moderate Arab leaders to issue a joint communique on the international conference at the end of their talks.
Peres's aides declined to attribute significance to the postponement.
One aide pointed out that at least one Jordanian statement requires PLO acceptance of UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 as condition for their participation in the talks. Moreover, one unnamed Jordanian official said that the conference would convene "soon," said the aide.

Peres, who may meet Shamir today, is likely to defer his decision to bring to the inner cabinet the American-sponsored plan for an international conference until after Jordan and Egypt clarify their position on PLO participation in the talks.
According to Peres's aides, the foreign minister expects this to happen shortly and is determined to submit his plan to the inner cabinet this Wednesday or next. They predicted that Prime Minister Shamir would try "flibuster" tactics but without success.
In Amman, Jordanian Information Minister Mohammed Al-Khatib said that reports of agreement on procedures for the conference were "not true."
"When the Jordan government has something to say, it will make the announcement and nobody else."
Referring to reports of an agreement between Peres and Jordanian officials, Marwan Doudin, minister for occupied territories affairs, said: "As a member of the government I have no idea what they are talking about. There is nothing of the sort. Peres has released yet another balloon. It seems."

But Amman Radio yesterday cited King Hussein's role in arranging the conference during celebrations marking the king's 34th year in power.
"King Hussein's efforts for the convening of an international peace conference proved to be fruitful and received Arab and international support in order to hold the conference and bring peace to the Middle East."
"In Washington, Hussein was described by a recent American visitor to Amman as having moved his position on the international conference very close to that of Peres."
Paul Jabber, the director of the Middle East programme at the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations, has just returned to the U.S. from talks with the top leaders in Jordan, Israel and Egypt. He was part of a Council on Foreign Relations delegation to the Middle East, led by former U.S. Middle East envoy Robert Strauss.
In an interview with The Jerusalem Post, Jabber said that Peres and Hussein are indeed "very close" to an agreement on the various procedural aspects of an international conference.
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Labour, Likud dig in

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Post Political Reporter
The Labour and Likud parties are becoming increasingly entrenched in their diametrically opposed attitudes to Foreign Minister Peres's proposals for an international conference.
Labour ministers, meanwhile, continue to forecast the imminent downfall of the national unity government and early elections.
Likud ministers, meeting in Jerusalem on Friday, expressed unanimous opposition to the paper presented by U.S. ambassador Thomas Pickering (see story above). They said that the proposal in its present form was "more obscure than clear," but a source close to Prime Minister Shamir said last night that Shamir and his ministers would oppose an international conference "under any circumstances and in any shape or form."

Shultz: Soviets 'yet to qualify' for role in Middle East peace

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - Secretary of State George Shultz has insisted that the Soviet Union has not yet qualified to play a significant role in the Arab-Israeli peace process.
In an interview published recently in the Minneapolis Tribune, the secretary suggested that he emerged from his recent talks in Moscow still rather doubtful that the Soviet Union was prepared to play a constructive role in the Middle East.
Shultz cited the very active Soviet role at the recent Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers where PLO chairman Yasser Arafat resolved differences with the more radical factions of the PLO. The secretary saw this unification as a setback in the overall effort to forge a more moderate and responsible Palestinian leadership.
Shultz went on to note that the Kremlin had still not met the conditions put forward by Foreign Minister

Peres for admission to the peace process - namely, the restoration of diplomatic ties with Israel and a more significant increase in the number of Jews permitted to emigrate.
The secretary refused to comment on the differences between Peres and Prime Minister Shamir on an international conference.
Shultz's remarks underscored the continued caution in Washington on the prospects for an international gathering.
Other senior U.S. officials yesterday said that two key issues still remain unresolved in the effort to convene the international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict.
One is, as they said, focuses on the sensitive matter of Palestinian representation at any international gathering. The U.S. and Israel oppose direct PLO involvement. U.S. officials yesterday expressed doubt that any legitimate Palestinian leaders from the West Bank and Gaza Strip would enter the talks

without PLO authorization.
The other issue standing in the way of a conference, the Americans added, involves the exact responsibility and authority of the overall plenary members of the international conference, especially their role in ratifying bilateral agreements reached during subcommittee negotiations.
The U.S. and Israel do not want the plenary - especially the Soviets - to be in any position to impede or veto bilateral agreements. They want the opening plenary session to be purely symbolic and to quickly lead to direct negotiations.
But the Soviet Union, which would participate in the international conference, is still pressing for a more substantive role.
Thus, the Americans, while acknowledging that some serious and impressive progress has been achieved in recent weeks, remain rather doubtful that an international
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Two British papers report:

Uri Geller used to bend mind of Soviet negotiator

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. - The U.S. used Israeli magician Uri Geller in an amazing plot to beam peace messages into the brain of a top Soviet arms negotiator, it was reported here today.
According to both The Sunday Times and The News of The World newspapers, Geller was introduced to Soviet visiting Foreign Minister Yuri Vorontsov at a reception in Geneva, and put on a show of metal-bending for the 200 Russian and American guests. Then, silently but repeatedly, Geller reportedly projected the word, "peace," three times into Vorontsov's brain.
The reports said Geller stared intently into the Russian's eyes as Vorontsov toyed with a spoon he had bent for him.
The Geneva reception took place on Friday, February 27, 1987. The very next day, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced his dramatic proposal for nuclear missile reductions in Europe.
Geller was reportedly asked to come to the Geneva reception by U.S. arms negotiator Max Kampelman, who had been introduced to Geller by Senator Clairborne Pell. Pell met Geller through Princess Michael of Kent. It was reported,



Uri Geller bends a spoon in Vienna earlier this year. (AFP)
she had suggested the Pell, who has an interest in parapsychology, might want to meet Geller.
Geller is quoted as saying he and Vorontsov got on well.
Kampelman told The Sunday Times that Geller had only been invited to the reception as a performer. As for beaming messages, he said: "I fail to see how he could have helped. I never thought he could be of any use."

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FRANKFURT	12	4	20	Clear
GENEVA	11	3	19	Clear
HONG KONG	27	21	34	Clear
JERUSALEM	11	5	17	Clear
LONDON	10	4	16	Cloudy
MADRID	11	5	17	Clear
MONTREAL	11	3	19	Clear
NEW YORK	12	5	19	Cloudy
OSLO	11	5	17	Clear
PARIS	11	3	19	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	16	10	22	Clear
SADPAULU	17	10	24	Clear
STOCKHOLM	14	6	22	Clear
TOKYO	15	7	23	Clear
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Outlook for Independence Day - warmer.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	51	10-20	20
Golan	30	1-18	20
Nahariya	—	—	22
Safed	—	—	18
Halla Port	73	21	22
Tiberias	51	11-25	26
Nazareth	55	10-18	20
Afula	54	8-21	24
Samaria	50	9-19	21
Tel Aviv	63	13-20	21
B-G Airport	48	10-21	22
Jericho	40	11-27	29
Gaza	80	12-20	21
Beer Sheva	32	8-23	30
Eilat	18	17-29	35

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Hildegard Hamm-Brücher, member of the German Bundestag, visited Wizo's Theodore Heuss House and Wizo's Parents' Home Thursday, accompanied by World Wizo President Raya Jaglom.

Birth

To Joel and Rivka Fishman a son, born on Friday, brother to Shamai and Rahel.

ARRIVALS

Barry Minkow, Maurice Lind, Harold Fishman, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Slaten of Los Angeles, for the dedication of the Ben-Gurion Centennial Portrait by Michel Schwartz, at the Knesset.

DEPARTURES

Raya Jaglom, President of World Wizo and Vice-President of the World Jewish Congress, for Budapest, to attend the First WJC Executive meeting in an East European country.

Knesset tribute to Pinhas Rosen

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel on Thursday paid tribute to Pinhas Rosen, Israel's first minister of justice, at a special ceremony in the Knesset marking the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Former justice minister Haim Zadok, Prof. Yirmiyahu Yovel and MK Yitzhak Arzi spoke of Rosen's unique contribution to Israel's legal system during its formative years and the meticulous exercising of the judiciary process. He always insisted on absolute separation between politics and justice, Zadok said. Prof. Yovel dwelled on Rosen's rare civility which was characterized by enlightened elitism without a trace of arrogance.

Arzi singled out Rosen's contribution to Israel's politics as the founder of Israel's first truly liberal party, the Progressive party. Rosen came to this country in the mid-thirties, shortly after Hitler's rise to power in Germany where he was one of the leaders of German Jewry.

10 hospitalized after bees attack

AFULA (Itim). - A swarm of bees attacked dozens of people at the Megiddo junction on Friday morning, causing 10 persons to be hospitalized. The bees apparently escaped from a hive which fell off a truck. Panic-stricken motorists fled into the fields as several thousand insects made their way into passing vehicles at the busy intersection.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Poll shows public loses faith in ruling coalition

By HANOCH and RAFFI SMITH
In the six months since rotation, the public confidence in the national unity government has declined sharply.

This is one of the main findings of the Smith Research Centre poll conducted for The Jerusalem Post with a sample of 1,200 Jews during the first nine days of April. Excerpts of the poll were published on Thursday.

In the period of little over a year, between August 1986 and September 1987, the general opinion of the public of the success of the government rose steadily - from 35 per cent to 63 per cent who thought the government was "succeeding" or "mainly succeeding."

However, the proportion of those satisfied fell to 47 per cent in the January poll and to 32 per cent in the

current April poll. The detailed changes can be seen in the table below:

The data suggest that the latest drop in confidence in the government's actions is closely correlated with the decline in the government's performance in foreign affairs, from 59 per cent to 41 per cent. This in turn is related to the public's dissatisfaction with the handling of the Pollard affair.

It is interesting to note that the original dissatisfaction with the government, between September and January, was connected mainly with the economy. But in the last three months there has been no further erosion in this area. Satisfaction with the handling of defence also remains at a high level.

On the whole, over the past six months, economic and foreign

affairs have been in the forefront of public dissatisfaction with the performance of the government, while defence has only declined slightly in the public eye.

On social policy, the government has never been viewed as successful and recent declines have been moderate.

The popularity of Israel's leaders has also suffered erosion over the last half year. Though satisfaction with their performance has declined, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin continue to get good ratings from the public.

The picture inside the Likud camp has become much more complicated.

Since the rotation in October 1986, most of the key leaders have declined in popularity.

In October 77 per cent thought Shimon Peres was performing his task well as compared with 62 per cent in the current poll, still a high figure. Yitzhak Rabin has likewise declined in popularity especially in the last poll. But his performance still satisfies a large majority of the public.

On the Likud side, the main ministers have suffered sharp declines in their performance ratings.

Since September, the eve of the rotation, Yitzhak Shamir's job rating has declined from 55 per cent to 36 per cent, the lowest he has ever received.

Over the same period, Ariel Sharon's rating has declined only slightly, from 33 per cent to 31 per cent. David Levy, on the other hand,

increased his popularity from 43 per cent to 49 per cent between May and January; but he suffered a dramatic decline in the April poll to 27 per cent. It would appear that the public reacted severely against his role in the Likud convention. Incidentally, Levy also suffered a decline in popularity after the earlier Herut convention.

One of the interesting findings of the April survey is the rise in popularity of new Likud figures. Minister of Finance Moshe Nissim, against the general trend, increased his popularity to 45 per cent, a gain of 9 per cent over January. Moshe Arens, appearing for the first time in a Smith poll, received a good rating from 42 per cent of those interviewed, a higher relative rating than the three top leaders of the Likud.

Thus, in general, the Likud leaders, except for Nissim and Arens, have declined significantly in their job-ratings while the Labour leaders, though also suffering declines, still receive good ratings from a majority of Israeli Jews.

But this does not imply that the majority of the public favours new elections now. That is far from the case, as will be seen in the next article.

"In your opinion is the government succeeding or not succeeding in the following areas:" (percentage answering "succeeding" or "mainly succeeding")

Area	Aug. 1985	May 1986	Sept. 1986	Dec./Jan. 1987	April 1987
Economy	31%	69%	73%	42%	42%
Social (Hevra)	31	38	37	30	25
Defence	56	69	72	65	64
Foreign Affairs	48	67	72	59	41
General Opinion	35	61	63	47	32

"How well do the following persons fulfil their tasks?" (per cent answering "good" or "very good")

Leader	May 1986	Sept. 1986	Dec./Jan. 1987	April 1987
Yitzhak Shamir	59%	55%	47%	36%
Shimon Peres	79	77	69	62
Yitzhak Rabin	73	71	74	64
David Levy	43	46	49	27
Ariel Sharon	36	33	35	31
Moshe Nissim	24	42	36	45
Moshe Arens	—	—	—	42

39th Independence Day

Solemn ceremonies and street events

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Street vendors are already out en masse selling the plastic hammers that have become a regular part of Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations around the country, but for those seeking other ways to mark Israel's independence day, there will be solemn ceremonies, entertainment and a wide variety of things to see.

The festive day begins at sundown tonight with the traditional torch-lighting ceremony on Mt. Herzl, with the participation of Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel. Later in the evening, at 8:30, President Herzog will broadcast his annual message for Yom Ha'atzmaut on radio and television.

Tel Aviv is offering a night of fun, beginning at 9 p.m., with Yehoram Gaon at Kikar Malchei Yisrael, everything from Persian and Indian folk to jazz on Rehov Dizengoff (which will be closed to traffic from Dizengoff Circle to Sderot Ben-Gurion) and rock and disco at Kikar Nari. But the Tel Aviv municipality also warns that the Denver-boot teams will be out in full force to discourage illegal parking during the holiday.

Jerusalem will offer residents and visitors free dancing and entertainment along Rehov King George, a disco stage outside Engineer's House and midnight singing and dancing in Liberty Bell Park, as well as a series of neighbourhood celebrations in Ramot, Neve Ya'acov, French Hill, East Talpott and Pisgat Ze'ev.

Both cities have organized fireworks displays. Those who want to get off to a running start tomorrow can join an organized jog around the walls of the

Old City of Jerusalem, starting at 6 a.m. at Jaffa Gate. Tourists will be able to attend a reception with Tourist Minister Avraham Shinar at the King David Hotel tomorrow afternoon.

Thousands of visitors are expected to attend the open house exhibitions traditionally offered by army depots, IDF camps, Defence Ministry museums and defence plants around the country. But the big innovation this year is the giant air show at Ben-Gurion Airport tomorrow.

The show, for which visitors must buy tickets in advance at local ticket agencies, will include everything from the sophisticated Lavi fighter to the tiny assemble-it-yourself Gambit. If it is successful, the show will be held every three years, Airport Authority Director-General Zvi Gov Air said in an interview.

In addition to the exhibits, the two Lavi prototypes are to take off, accompanied by Kfir and Astra planes. The aerobatics will also include the IDF team of four Tzukot training planes and "such museum pieces as a Harvard and a Spitfire."

The flights are to end by 3 p.m., when the airport will open to normal traffic.

President Chaim Herzog is to sing into the General Security Services (Shin Bet) for praise in his Yom Ha'atzmaut message tonight, in the face of the atmosphere of scandal presently enveloping the service. According to an advance release of part of the president's message, Herzog is to say that, even is some serious acts needing correction were committed, these must not be allowed to diminish the moral stature and careful work of Shin Bet members in their battle against terror.

Sirens to sound

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel's citizens stood at attention last night for a moment of silence to honour the memory of those who died in defending the State of Israel. The sirens will be sounded again at 11 a.m. today, after which memorial ceremonies will be held at 39 military cemeteries and 52 monuments around the country.

The memorial day for the fallen in Israel's battles was formally opened last night at the Western Wall, where President Chaim Herzog lit a memorial light and called for the memory of the fallen to unify the nation.

Also participating were Chief IDF Chaplain, Aluf Gad Navon and Chief of Staff Rav Aluf Dan Shomron.

On Thursday, a number of memorial ceremonies were held, including one at Jerusalem's Yad LeChaim memorial and another in Tel Aviv to honour the soldiers who fell liberating Jaffa.

In Safed, OC Northern Command Aluf Yossi Peled presented citations for outstanding work during the past year to 82 officers and soldiers, including troops who were recently involved in battles with Hizbullah gunmen inside the security zone in South Lebanon.

The largest single contribution - NIS 150,000 - was from Egged. MKs Abba Eban and Menahem Porush both gave \$1,000, which was the largest contribution by a Knesset member.

IAF bombs Sidon

The Israel Air Force bombed terrorist headquarters on the fringes of the Mif Mif refugee camp south of Sidon on Friday, the IDF spokesman reported.

The air force reported direct hits, and all the planes returned safely to base.

Attacks against Israel were planned and launched from the headquarters, the spokesman said.

Parallel rallies in support of settlements

By JOEL GREENBERG
The Herut movement and Gush Emunim are planning parallel rallies in the West Bank on Independence Day to show support for Jewish settlement in the area.

The Herut rally tomorrow at Ariel will feature a panoply of movement leaders: Prime Minister Shamir, Housing Minister David Levy, Minister of Trade Ariel Sharon and Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens.

Herut will set up lookout and information points at the settlements of Alfei Menashe, Karnei Shomron, Alon Moreh and Brafah, though a planned stand at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus was vetoed by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Gush Emunim will hold a mass hike in Jericho and its vicinity, including the area of the city's ancient synagogue, which was the

Talks with Reagan end

Nakasone can't lift tariffs

WASHINGTON (AP). - Weekend talks between Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and President Ronald Reagan produced determined pledges to solve the U.S.-Japanese trade conflict, but fell short of any dramatic breakthroughs.

Nakasone and Reagan met four times over two days and issued a joint statement at the end of their talks on Friday.

Nakasone started back across the Pacific yesterday with a private visit in Maui, Hawaii, before continuing to Tokyo.

In their statement, the two leaders agreed that redress of the multibillion dollar U.S.-Japanese trade imbalance would be an urgent, major objective of both nations.

The U.S. trade deficit with Japan - \$58.6 billion last year - has become "politically unsustainable," they said.

This referred mostly to protectionist sentiment in the U.S. Congress.

During Nakasone's visit, the U.S. House voted in favour of retaliatory trade measures against countries running surpluses with America if those countries are judged to be engaging in unfair trade practices.

Reagan told Nakasone he would veto such a measure if it passes the Senate.

Makasone sought, without success, an immediate lifting of U.S. duties on Japanese colour television sets, portable computers and hand power tools. Reagan ordered the penalties last month in reprisal for alleged violation of the two countries' 1986 agreement on semiconductors.

But Reagan said the sanctions could be lifted by the June economic summit of seven industrial nations in Venice, Italy.

In Tokyo, business leaders yesterday expressed guarded optimism

over the talks between Reagan and Nakasone while opposition parties and agricultural officials said the leaders' agreement may harm Japan.

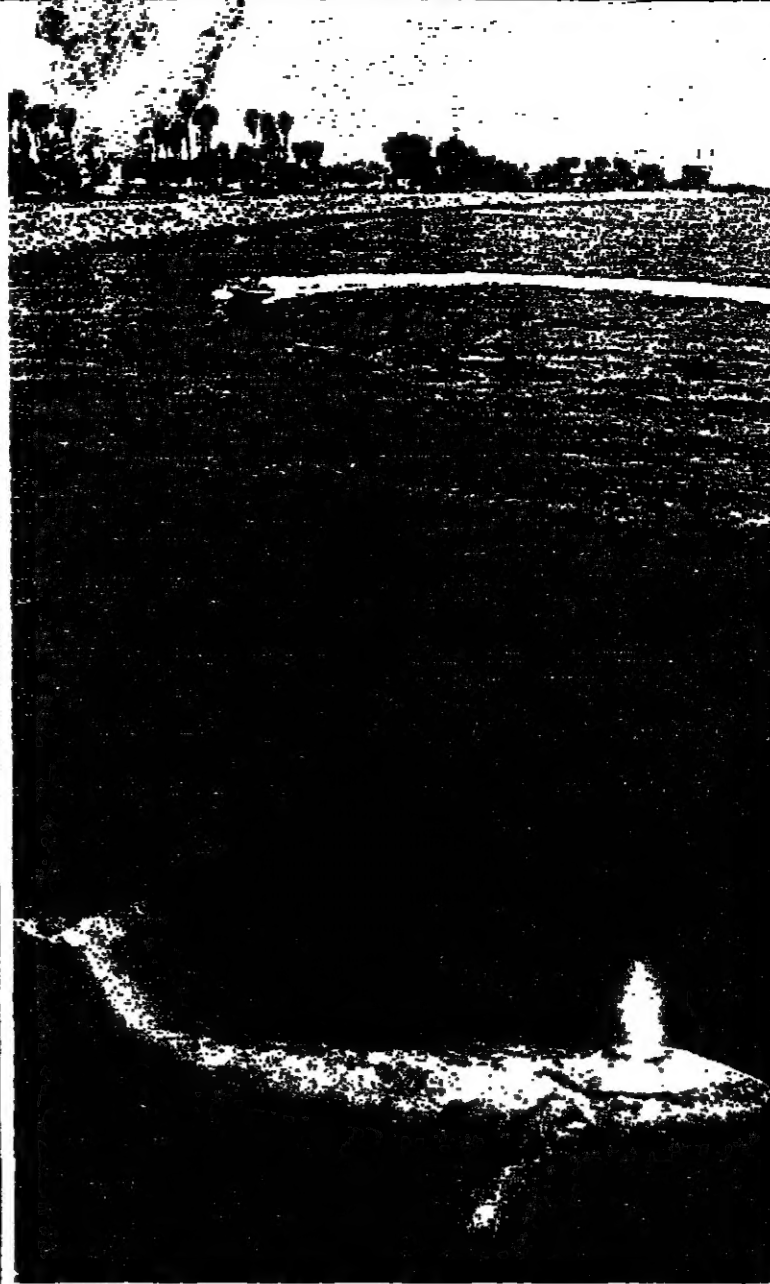
Japan's electronic industry welcomed the pledge by Reagan to lift \$300m. in tariffs on Japanese goods as soon as possible.

"We are glad that the damage would be minimal," said an official for Toshiba Corporation.

But Tsurumi Yamaguchi, secretary general of the opposition Socialist Party, called the talks "too abstract" and said the leaders failed to present any concrete measures to prevent the dollar from continuing its decline.

In his farewell statement, Nakasone acknowledged that Japan's huge surplus "could bring about serious consequences for the health of the world economy."

For his part, Reagan said "protectionism will be opposed on both sides of the Pacific."



U.S. Marine Fisheries workers try to herd a 6-metre-long baby grey whale out of the San Gabriel River channel in California on Thursday. The whale, which became separated from its mother, finally reached open water after spending 12 hours in the channel. (AFP telephoto)

Violence mars May Day observances

NEW YORK (AP). - Street violence erupted in Poland, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Chile while millions marched without incident elsewhere in the world to commemorate May Day, the international workers' holiday.

The worst violence on Friday occurred in Sri Lanka, where one student was killed by gunfire and 32 people were injured in clashes with riot police.

In Moscow, thousands of people watched the traditional procession of floats and marchers with banners and flowers that filed past top Communist Party officials and thousands of government-invited guests in Red Square.

South Africa celebrated its first official May Day in the midst of strikes by 25,000 black transport and post office workers, the nation's longest and most widespread public-sector strike.

Police broke up meetings of black labour unions and authorities banned 20 outdoor rallies.

In Lenoira, an Asian township outside Johannesburg, scores of policemen carrying whips and guns broke up an indoor meeting that was to be addressed by union officials, organizers said.

Political parties, trade unions and Buddhist monks in the ethnically divided island nation of Sri Lanka had vowed to turn May Day into a day of protest against the 10-year-old government of President Junius Jayewardene.

The government responded by halting public transport, closing taverns, banning all rallies, processions and gatherings and deploying 1,000 police throughout the capital of Colombo.

Riot police lobbed tear gas, fired into the air and swung batons to disperse about 1,500 people who

defied the ban. At least 32 injuries were reported by hospitals, and police said one student was killed by gunfire.

Chilean police used tear gas and water cannons to scatter about 1,000 anti-government workers who marched in downtown Santiago. Police arrested 80 marchers, according to the official news agency Orbe.

Riot police in Poland moved against several hundred Solidarity supporters who attempted to march after a Roman Catholic mass in Warsaw. Protesters were knocked to the ground, banners ripped apart and at least eight people detained. Anti-government protests were stopped in four other cities.

Solidarity had called for demonstrations counter to the official Communist Party-organized parade to protest recent price increases and to demand a restoration of independent trade unions.

Former aide charges:

'Waldheim had pro-Arab bias during '73 war'

By DAVID HOROVITZ

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. - Kurt Waldheim's actions as UN secretary-general during the Yom Kippur War were designed to aid the Soviet Union and its Arab allies to the detriment of Israel, Waldheim's former UN private secretary charged at the weekend.

Robert Rhodes-James, who worked for Waldheim at the UN from 1972-76, said in an interview with The Jerusalem Post that Waldheim "failed to act impartially during the Yom Kippur War."

"He maintained a prolonged silence until the military situation changed to Israel's advantage," said Rhodes-James. "I said to him, 'You

have to say something, a war is raging.' But there was no response."

"He was waiting for an indication from the Soviet Union on when his intervention would be appropriate. It was appropriate when the Soviet Union and its allies were being defeated. When they were winning, of course, he said nothing."

Rhodes-James, a respected historian and a Conservative member of Parliament, has compiled a dossier on Waldheim listing the allegations against him and the inconsistencies of his defence against them. The dossier was used, in part, by the U.S. authorities in reaching their decision last week to ban the Austrian president from the U.S. as a private citizen.

Rhodes-James believes Britain should take the same step, if not on the basis of Waldheim's alleged Nazi crimes, then because of his "consistent lying."

Rhodes-James said that in his years at the UN, he found Waldheim to be a "raving, rude, bullying egomaniac" and that this view was shared by most of those in the secretary-general's office. "But for all that, I accepted his story of non-involvement in World War II, of his wounding on the Eastern Front in 1941. In fact, he was no more at the University of Vienna than I was."

CORRECTION. - In a report in these pages on April 30, Austrian President Kurt Waldheim was incorrectly stated to have been addressing a meeting of war victims. In fact, he was speaking to war veterans. Moreover, the organization attacked by Foreign Minister Alois Mock was the World Jewish Congress, not the American Jewish Congress.

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Few, if any, friends for image-conscious Japan

TOKYO (AFP). - Since the end of the Second World War Japan has been particularly conscious of its image abroad. And in recent weeks it has made the bitter discovery that its image is not good.

Japan has few, if any, friends in the world.

"When the economy is not going well, everyone likes to blame Japan," the Japanese president of the Asian Development Bank, Masao Fujioka, commented.

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone may well have appreciated the truth of this declaration during the crucial trade talks in Washington with U.S. President Ronald Reagan which ended yesterday.

The declaration holds good for most of the world, especially Japan's neighbours. From China through Korea to the Philippines, memories are still strong of the impact of Japanese troops enforcing the establishment in the 1930's and 1940's of Japan's Asian co-prosperity sphere.

But even as far away as Africa, the Japanese are generally not well liked. The minimal margin by which a Japanese representative was last year elected to the UN Security Council alerted the Foreign Affairs Ministry here to Japan's lack of popularity on that continent.

It was hoped that the visit to Tokyo last month by African National Congress President Oliver Tambo would help counterbalance

Japan's reputation for cooperation with the apartheid government of South Africa. Japan is Pretoria's second biggest trading partner.

The country's luck appears little better with Western industrial nations. A recent Gallup poll concluded that Britons saw the Japanese as the least trustworthy of their trading partners.

But are the Japanese alone responsible for the position they find themselves in?

Not completely, according to Turkish Foreign Minister Vahit Halefoglu, who said during a visit to Tokyo that Japan's economic success had given rise abroad to mixed sentiments, including envy.

A European Economic Community representative in Tokyo went further. He said criticism of Japan was largely racist, because "people do not accept the superiority of a yellow race."

Japan is the second biggest capitalist economic power and has trade surpluses with about 100 countries. This year it also became the biggest net creditor in the world supplanting the place held historically by Britain and then the U.S.

The Japanese president of the McDonalds hamburger restaurant chain in Japan, Den Fujita, who has a reputation for blunt speaking, openly admits, "Japanese don't like foreigners - any foreigners."

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FOREIGN BRIEFS

'North helped China, Poland sell arms to Contras'

WASHINGTON (AP). - Former White House aide Oliver North helped arrange for Communist countries, including China and Poland, to sell Russian-made arms to Nicaragua's Contra rebels, according to a report published yesterday.

The New York Times reported that congressional committees investigating the Iran-Contra scandal have found that North persuaded China to sell Soviet-made Sam-7 anti-aircraft missiles to the Contras but such sales were cut off in 1985.

The Contras also were buying arms from Poland, the Times reported, adding that North was said to have told associates he helped arrange that effort. The report said one associate recalled that North was amused because ships bearing arms destined for both the Sandinistas and the Contras were docked in the same Polish port.

Key Senate panel confirms Webster as CIA chief

WASHINGTON (Reuters). - The U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee voted unanimously on Friday to confirm FBI Chief William Webster as director of the CIA, whose image has been badly tarnished by the Iran arms scandal. The panel's 15-0 vote came after a delay of about an hour while senators held a last-minute closed-door session with Webster to discuss contacts that fired White House aide Oliver North had with the Federal Bureau of Investigation over the past two years.

William Casey, who resigned as CIA director earlier this year after brain surgery, had been ordered by president Reagan not to notify Congress of covert sales of U.S. arms to Iran.

Gandhi says Indian media wants to provoke coup

NEW DELHI (Reuters). - Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on Friday accused some Indian media of trying to "organize a coup" against his government, beset by charges of corruption, dishonesty and constitutional violations, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

Speaking at the centenary celebrations of a newspaper in Kottayam in the southern state of Kerala, Gandhi warned that misuse of press freedoms could "endanger the democratic nature of the country," PTI said.

He did not elaborate further on the alleged plot against his government but said a section of the press was casting aspersions on his government without basis.

S. Korea to release 1,000 for Buddha's birthday

SEOUL (AFP). - South Korea said yesterday it will release more than 1,000 detainees tomorrow to mark Buddha's birthday, a national holiday.

The detainees include a prominent dissident lawyer and 23 students who had been arrested for "violating public security," justice ministry officials said.

Lawyer Lee Gong Myung, chairman of the justice and peace committee of the Roman Catholic Church, is to be freed after serving six months of an eight-month sentence for giving shelter to another dissident lawyer. The students were arrested for their role in anti-government sit-ins or demonstrations.

Spanish winner of \$6.5m. remains anonymous

BILBAO, Spain (AP). - The name of the person who won a \$6.5 million lottery prize - the largest ever in Spain - remained a mystery yesterday.

The state lottery board announced on Thursday that the winner of the prize was a resident of the northern Basque town of Bilbao. The winner, who correctly chose six numbers on a \$2.50 ticket of the national original lottery was the sole winner of the multi-million dollar prize.

But lottery board director Francisco Zambrano ordered lottery personnel not to reveal the winners' identity to avoid possible extortion attempts by Basque separatist terrorists in the troubled northern Basque country.

It was not known whether the winner had contacted the lottery board to claim the prize.

A 70-year-old retired Madrid man had previously held the individual lottery prize record of \$4.3m., won last September.

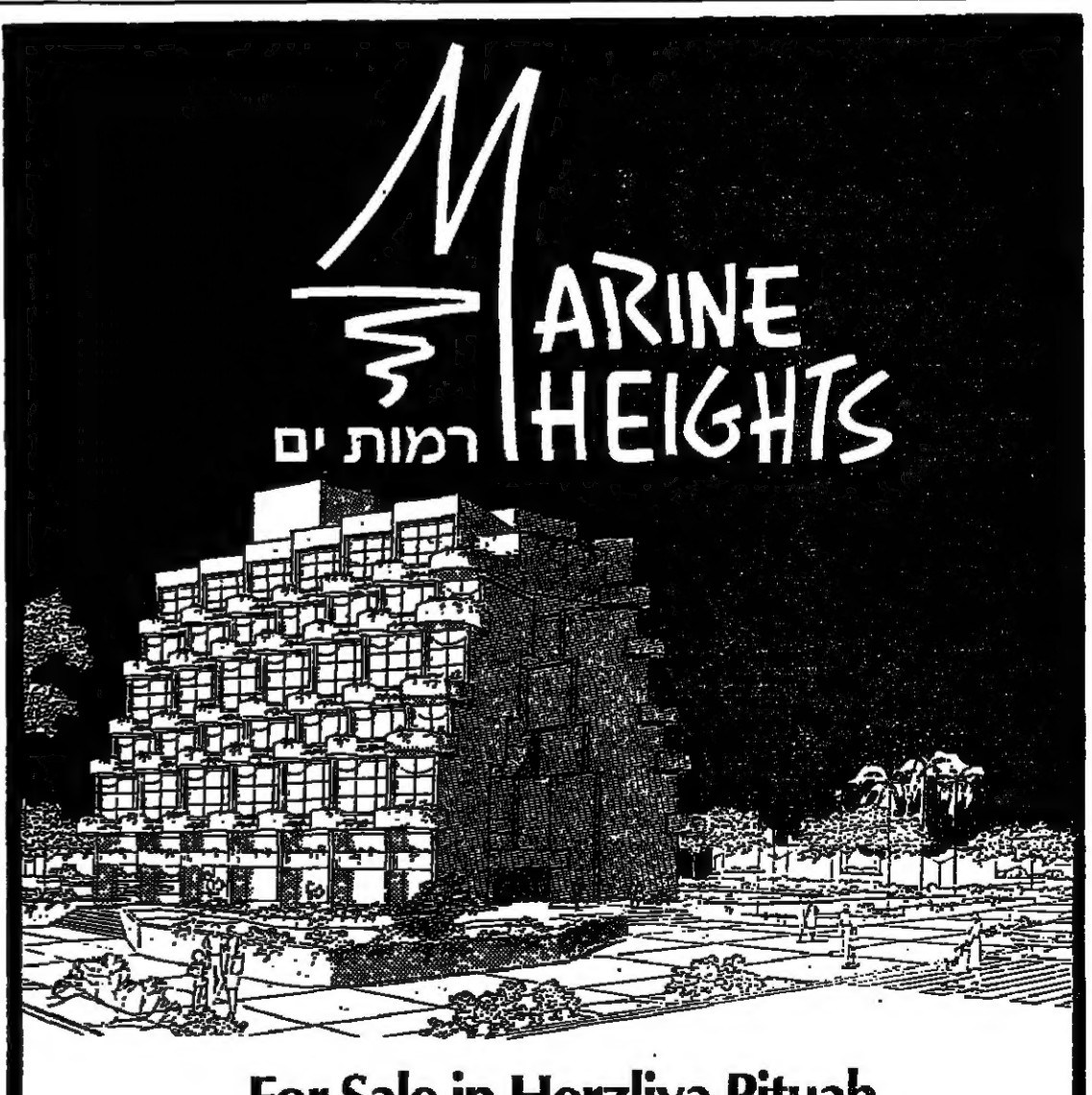
Six girls under 15 among Swiss Aids victims

BERN (AFP). - Six teenage girls aged less than 15 are among Switzerland's 227 known Aids cases, according to results of an Aids census published here yesterday.

No boys of the same age have caught the deadly virus, even though 207 of the victims counted in the March survey were male.

The census showed 129 of those afflicted had already died.

Apart from victims in the high risk homosexual and drug addict groups, there were 20 heterosexuals who had been in contact with people at risk, the results showed.



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In the days when the Labour Party wasn't embarrassed by socialism with a capital "S," May Day was a march down Ibn Gvirol from Histadrut headquarters to Kikar Malchei Yisrael, led by party figures from the government, Knesset and Histadrut.

Everybody - from the Histadrut secretary-general leftward - took part. Kibbutzim sent buses and youth movements hiked into town. The Communists had their Jewish-Arab brotherhood banners, and the Moshav Movement had their "Build the Land. Build the People" banners.

There were tiny fringe groups - Stalinists, Trotskyites, New Communists, Old Communists, Maspens - which would split and split again, until tiny groups marched under tiny banners. But everybody got along and handed each other leaflets and sang the same songs: *Avanti Popolo* and *Haikva, L'Internationale* and *Amu Banu Artza*. The songs were corny, some people would become misty-eyed, and it was like a huge dress rehearsal for the next bout of collective patriotism - Independence Day.

Nowadays there are two parades - one for Mapam and one for the Communists - and there aren't any Labour Party people to be seen. The Mapam march ended at the Tel Aviv Museum, with choirs and a few speeches. By the end of the rally, a kibbutz choir had waited all afternoon for its chance: finally, when they sang, there were more people on stage than in the crowd listening. The Mapam march was not held on May Day, but the evening before, which confused people. The next day they waited on the sidewalks for the workers' parade.

The Communist Party march started at Histadrut headquarters, but instead of turning left onto Ibn Gvirol, headed onto Dizengoff, where Friday morning shoppers watched as traffic slowed and then, under the direction of the police, disappeared. The parade began with the party's four Knesset members, two Jews flanked by two Arabs, and the marchers were evenly divided between Arabs and Jews. The Jews were much older, the Arabs mostly

Parading their politics

Tel Aviv Tel Aviv

Robert Rosenberg

teenagers or young men, some with Eastern European wives. Every red flag was accompanied by a blue-and-white Magen David.

It took exactly 38 minutes for the march to pass down Dizengoff. Those 38 minutes of drums and chants, files and slogans, passed peacefully.

"Israel, Palestine, two states for two peoples" sings out one group. The group behind says it doesn't want "to die or kill for imperialism."

In a car boasting loudspeakers, a small woman, well past 50, sits low in the passenger seat reading party messages into a microphone. "No to Star Wars, Yes to Peace... No to the Occupation, Yes to Negotiation... Brotherhood between Jews and Arabs..." Even though there are no capital letters in Hebrew, the slogans sound as if every word has been capitalized in her mind as she reads.

Another small woman, well past 50, pauses at a sidewalk table cafe. "Excuse me," she says in French. "perhaps you speak French?" The man at the table says that he understands it but speaks poorly.

"What is this?" she says, pointing to the marchers.

"A manifestation, the party of the communists," says the man.

"What do they want?" asks the tourist.

"Peace between Israelis and Palestinians," says the man.

"Oh. Yes. That's what every one

wants. But it is very difficult. No?"

"Yes," he says, "very difficult."

The marchers seem totally focused on their slogans. They walk in formation, but only the arms-linked marchers in the front rows and the teenagers in the drum-and-dance groups keep their rows straight. In between, walk groups of friends or comrades, some pushing strollers, some arm-in-arm.

Many stare ahead, not looking to either side, as if thinking that they are on foreign territory and are watched by a hostile crowd.

But just as there is nothing militant or strident or threatening in the marchers, there is no hostility on the sidewalk.

Teenage girls ignore the demonstration, preferring to study new shoe styles in the windows.

Children out of school for the day enjoy the drums but their parents continue strolling. Tourists take pictures. The bearded lottery ticket salesman who makes his living roving up and down Dizengoff hawking instant plays pays no attention to the marchers.

There are no insults, no "go back to Moscow," or "PLO lovers" or anything at all shouted meanly at the marchers.

The only complaints are those of drivers suddenly unable to proceed, and the policeman redirecting traffic bear the brunt of their irritation.

The first car allowed down Dizengoff after the last of the march turns onto Frishman toward Kikar Malchei Yisrael seems to rush down the street like an army jeep liberating an occupied city. A child on the sidewalk voices disappointment that the street won't remain closed, the way it is on Shabbat for pedestrians and bicyclists and balloon salesman.

About an hour after the marchers passed down Dizengoff, some of them came back, to window shop or sit in a cafe or merely to stroll in the warm spring sunlight. At a table in an old-fashioned cafe, some of the Jewish marchers hum the *Internationale*. At an ice cream stand, an Arab family orders cones. In another 60 hours, Dizengoff will be closed to traffic again, for Independence Day.

'Peres also doesn't believe in an international conference'

IN PERSON
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"If it was only an opening (to direct talks), then it would be okay," says Science and Development Minister Gideon Patai of the idea of an international conference. "But it won't be only an opening. What, do you really believe that the Soviet foreign minister will come, raise a glass (in toast) and go home?"

Patai's obvious sincerity, inflexibility and vehemence in opposing an international conference for Middle East peace took me by surprise. Patai was one of the two Likud ministers (the other was David Levy) who had voted with Labour in 1985 in favour of the IDF pullout from Lebanon. I had half-expected to hear some criticism of Prime Minister Shamir's implacable opposition to the conference idea. It was not to be.

Among the Likud ministers there is "unanimity" in opposing the conference, says Patai, countering Foreign Minister Peres's expressed hope/expectation that several Likud ministers will, when it comes to the crunch, vote in the cabinet with their Labour counterparts in favour of a conference. "It is self-delusion to believe that there is no unanimity (in the Likud) on

this point," he says. "I can't remember such unanimity in the party in the past." Patai says he speaks "with certainty" on the basis of internal deliberations among the Likud ministers.

"An international conference constitutes a mortal threat to Israel's existence," says Patai, who declares: "And you know I am no hawk. Who wants such a conference? All our enemies. In my opinion, Peres also doesn't believe in the conference. In his heart of hearts, he knows it won't take place. For him, it is merely a device to bring down the government and precipitate early elections."

Patai says he is "far from convinced that elections will be the outcome of this argument (over the conference)." In the Labour Party, he says, there are those who argue: Why should we now leave the government? For what? Over an egg that has not yet hatched?

Besides, he says, "I know of

Labour ministers - and I know what I am talking about - who are sceptical on the matter, and who tell us this, in whispers, that Peres has been inexplicably euphoric."

Patai also says that a Labour pullout would not necessarily lead to elections. "Will all the small parties - Mapam, Shas, the Communists - vote for elections? What have they to gain? Indeed, would all Labour's MKs vote for elections, if the vote is secret?" Patai suggests that some 40 per cent of Labour's MKs can expect not to be given "realistic" places in Labour's list next time around. "So why should they rush to elections?"

Patai also doesn't believe Jordan's King Hussein will go to the conference - or to direct talks, for that matter. "What can he expect out of such talks? Will he get Jerusalem? No. The West Bank? No. The Jordan Valley? No."

Peres alone, says Patai, talks about Israel's "conditions" for the convening of the conference and declares that Hussein and others have accepted these conditions. "I have heard not a word from Hussein agreeing to these conditions. Or from the Soviets."



Gideon Patai (Uzi Keren)

Indeed, Patai feels, Israel can expect only the worst from Moscow. Even if the Soviets agree to open the gates to Jewish emigration, they could quickly shut them again, he argues. "Listen, the Soviets even have a law in their statute books saying that the import of goods from Israel (as from South Africa and Chile) is a crime against the nation. And we want such a country to sit besides us at a conference and to entrust our fate in their hands!"

Candid talk with his friend George

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent

Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens wants direct negotiations between Israel and Jordan to be conducted under the best possible circumstances, and he does not want any of the major powers save the U.S., to be in any way involved in the process.

A day or so after his return from a surprise trip to Washington, when the row between his Likud party and the Alignment was rising to a crescendo, Arens left this reporter with the impression that he had given the U.S. secretary of state a more accurate picture of the Israeli line-up, than George Shultz had got from Vice Premier Shimon Peres.

Arens talks to the press more guardedly than most Israeli politicians, and he is more concerned than many politicians about being misquoted.

He admits that his decision to accept an invitation to address an Israel Bonds gathering in the U.S. was a snap decision taken after the weekly cabinet session, which meant that his cabinet colleagues were asked to approve his trip in a telephone poll. His cabinet colleagues, in the Alignment at least, were not told that Arens would be meeting Shultz.

"I thought it was a good idea to exchange views with my friend Shultz and tell him the feeling in Israel about the idea of an international conference on the Middle East peace process," Arens said. "Prime Minister Shamir also thought it was a good idea to talk to Shultz. We didn't consult anybody else."



Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz (Ippa, AFP)

Arens's implication, although he did not say so explicitly, was that Peres had misled the U.S. administration into thinking he could swing a cabinet majority for his procedural proposals on the peace process, and that he put Shultz straight on this.

While he does not assume that the U.S. will now put a freeze on its involvement in Middle East comings-and-goings, he stresses that Shultz will not take the lead and that the U.S. will not try to set the tone.

"The premise in Washington is that the U.S. should render support to Israeli policies. That does not envisage any pressure on Israel. I believe that the U.S. will cease to pursue the idea of an international conference entirely, if it becomes clear that the Israeli cabinet opposes an international conference," he

predicted.

Arens and Shultz see eye-to-eye about the need to keep the Soviet Union out of the Middle East peace process.

"Even if the international conference idea boiled down to window dressing, I would oppose it," Arens said. "The Soviet Union would at once don the mantle of protector of the PLO. That would compel Israel to adopt a rejectionist position and perhaps even walk out."

Arens rejects UN auspices in any form, including mailing out the invitations to an international conference. He defines the UN, the Soviet Union, China, France and Britain as all "hostile" to Israel.

He thinks it pointless for the Likud and the Alignment to present

the issue of the electorate.

"Knesset elections are due 18 months from now. Assuming there would be a Knesset majority for early elections, they would take place six months from now. So in real terms the elections would be advanced a mere 12 months. Yet it could take that time to get an international conference organized," he said.

"I don't understand what Peres is talking about when he claims there is an opportunity in the Middle East which must be seized at once and not missed. Anybody who claims that a window of opportunity will be opened in the coming three months and then closed shut, is lying in the face of reality," he said.

I do hope that King Hussein of Jordan is getting himself into shape to negotiate, after 20 years," Arens added. "The king has made progress in that time, but his progress has been glacial."

Arens holds that the string of precedents cited by Peres to justify an international conference are irrelevant to the present situation. "Peres should have asked for cabinet approval months ago, and by not doing so, he has brought us closer to anarchy. He has impaired the accepted functions of government. If he does not cease, I would hesitate to speculate what the Likud would do," Arens said carefully.

"Peres must bring his case to the cabinet at once, before going to the U.S. in May, as he intended," Arens insisted. "That is the only way to ensure that the government functions according to the laws and procedures of the state of Israel."

Fish breeders caught by surprise

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - A shortage of carp has developed because of increased sales over the past six months, after a period of falling demand for the fish. It will take some months to replenish stocks, according to the secretary of the Fish Breeders Union, Amnon Levin.

He said the 25 per cent rise in

demand surprised the breeders, who had been keeping stocks down to avoid losses.

During the past six months 3,500 tons were sold, up from 2,800 tons for the same period last year.

Breeders plan to raise annual production to 8,000 tons. But in the meantime they are able to supply only half the current weekly demand of over 100 tons.

They attribute the rise in demand to the price of the fish, which at NIS 4.50 kilo is lower than the price of most meat.

Rising demand has also created shortages for other pond-bred fish. Levin reported that a flock of about 1,000 pelicans appears to have settled in the Jezreel and Jordan valleys, nesting near the fish ponds from which they feed.

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TODAY

BECAUSE they are tasty, versatile and — most importantly — portable, salads are perfect for Independence Day picnics. High scorers for health, salads stay crisp if they are made just before you take off for the outdoors, but are dressed at the picnic site.

For shishlik-lovers who can't do without their grill, a recipe for marinade, suitable for lamb or steaks, is also included.

Have a happy picnic — and don't forget to clean up the area before you leave!

Crisp Macaroni and Cabbage Salad
2 cups macaroni, cooked (1 cup or 125 gr. dry)
2 cups cabbage, shredded
1/2 cup sweet pickle, chopped
1/2 cup unpeeled red apple, diced
250 gr. cubed Cheddar cheese
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup orange and soy dressing (below) lettuce

Combine all ingredients except dressing and lettuce. Toss. Just before serving add dressing and place salad on crisp lettuce. 8 servings.

Orange and Soy Dressing
1 cup orange juice
1 tbs. grated orange rind
2 tbs. soy sauce
1 tbs. lemon juice
6 tbs. salad oil
4 cloves of garlic, crushed
Pour into a jar with a tight-fitting lid and shake well until blended. About 1 1/4 cups.

Courgette Salad
1 onion, skinned and cubed
4 cloves garlic, chopped
3 tbs. (1/4 cup) oil
6 med. courgettes (kishuim)
3 sweet red peppers, cut into strips
100 gr. green olives, stoned and halved in width
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 tsp. hot paprika
3 tbs. vinegar
5 tbs. ketchup
1 tbs. parsley, chopped
About 2 tbs. sugar, to taste
Sauté onion and garlic in oil until golden. In the meantime, peel and slice courgettes, halve the olives in width and cut pepper into strips.

Now add vegetables and seasoning to the onion in pan, then the remaining ingredients. Cover and cook on medium flame until the courgettes are tender, about 25 minutes. Cool. Decorate with chopped parsley and olives.
This salad improves if refrigerated for up to one week and can also be served hot as a side dish to poultry or meat. 8-10 servings.

Marinated Eggplant Salad
3 green peppers
1 med. eggplant
vegetable oil for frying
1/2 cup onion finely sliced into rings
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup (80 gr.) tomatoes
6 tbs. (1/2 cup) cider vinegar
2 medium cloves garlic crushed in a pinch of salt and chopped

Quarter the green peppers, remove seeds and cut each quarter into four pieces. In heavy frying pan sauté them in 5 cm. of very hot oil, drain and place in a ceramic or glass bowl, never in a metal or aluminium dish.
Quarter eggplant lengthwise and

Happy picnic

Bessie Springson

finely slice across the width. Deep fry half the slices at a time, drain, add to the peppers.

Cube the tomatoes and add to the eggplant together with 3 tbs. (1/4 cup) juice from the can and the onion rings. Mix vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper and add to the eggplant mixture. Blend well. Adjust seasoning and cover.

Prepare this salad several days in advance because it becomes tastier when marinated for a long period. About 10 servings (8 cups).

Potato and Celery Salad
6 slices sausage
1 tbs. oil
1/2 cup onion, chopped
3 tbs. (1/4 cup) vinegar
salt and pepper to taste
2 cups diced cooked celery root
500 gr. potatoes, cooked and diced
Cut sausage slices into fine slivers and fry in the oil until crisp, taking care not to burn them. Remove from heat and add onion, vinegar, salt and pepper. Carefully stir in the cooked and diced celery root and potatoes. Toss together and serve on lettuce. Serves 6.

Tehina (Sesame Paste)
Blend 100 gr. sesame seeds and 1 cup water until they form a mayonnaise-like paste. The recipe calls for one cup of this mixture.
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1/2 cup water
1 tsp. salt
juice of 2 lemons
1/4 cup cayenne pepper
3 tbs. (1/4 cup) olive oil
2 tbs. chopped parsley
olives and vinegar pickles
Mix 1 cup tehina, garlic, water, cayenne pepper, salt and lemon juice until creamy. If the tehina is too thick add water.
Serve on small plates with a swirl of olive oil, a pinch of chopped parsley in three places on edge of tehina and a dash of cayenne in between. Olives and pickles can be placed in centre or on a separate dish.

Incidentally, tehina can replace mayonnaise in salads used on picnics as the latter spoils quickly in the sun.

Independence Day Mint Salad
Proportions do not matter in this recipe but the mint flavour must predominate:
tomatoes
radishes
sweet red peppers
green peppers
cucumbers
large bunch of mint, washed and chopped

young onions
garlic
snipped parsley and dill (shamir)
salad or olive oil
lemon juice
salt and pepper

Cube vegetables to a fairly even size. Mix with a clove or two of crushed garlic, a fair amount of snipped parsley and dill and a great deal of chopped mint. Now mix salad or olive oil with lemon juice, salt and pepper, all to your taste. Pour dressing over vegetables. Chill.

Macaroni and Tuna Salad Meal
2 cups shell or elbow macaroni cooked (1 cup or 125 gr.)
1 lge. can (420 gr.) tuna or 2 smaller cans
1 cup (120 gr.) cheddar cheese, coarsely grated
1/4 cup sweet pickles, chopped
1 medium red sweet pepper, chopped
1 tsp. grated onion
1 rib celery diced
2 tsp. lemon juice
salt and pepper to taste
8-10 tomatoes, peeled (optional) lettuce leaves
tehina

Combine macaroni, cheese, pickles, sweet red peppers, onion, celery, tuna and lemon juice. Toss until well blended. Season to taste and top with tehina. Serve on lettuce.
Delicious when served in hollowed out tomatoes, placed on lettuce bed and topped with tehina. Serves 8-10.

Meat and Egg Loaf (Klopp)
1 kg. ground beef
3 slices bread, soaked and squeezed out
2 eggs
250 gr. celery root, grated
2 med. onions, grated
1 med. carrot, grated
2 cloves garlic, crushed
6 tbs. (1/2 cup) stock or water with 1 bouillon cube
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
2 tsp. salt
dash black pepper
1 heaped tbs. chopped parsley
6 eggs, hard-boiled
margarine

Mix all ingredients together except hard-boiled eggs and margarine. Put half the meat into a well greased and greaseproof paper lined loaf pan of about 11x12x7 cm.
Place the hard-boiled eggs along the centre and then cover with the remaining meat. Dot with margarine and bake for 15 minutes in a 450°F-225°-Mark 8 oven and then reduce to 350°-180°-Mark 4 and continue cooking until the meat is brown on top and shrinks from the sides of pan, about 45 minutes.

Cut loaf into thick slices for the egg to centre each portion. Serve with salads. 6-8 servings.

Marinade
2 cups red dry wine
2 tsp. mustard
1/2 cup honey
1-2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce or to taste
1 tbs. curry powder
1 tbs. fine herbs
Mix well or shake all ingredients together in a screw-top jar.
Use marinade for meat, poultry or fish.

Council for Civil Liberties said a contraceptive coil could have been the answer. "We are gravely worried," she added.

The Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults (Mencap) said the case would cause considerable concern and "must not become a charter for the indiscriminate sterilization of women with a mental handicap."

People with a mental handicap have the right to enjoy life in all its fullness, although parental concern was also understandable.
When Sunderland borough council was granted a sterilization order in January, by the family division of the High Court, the Official Solicitor stepped in as legal guardian for the girl, since it was necessary to obtain a definitive ruling from the Appeal Court in what was seen to be a hazy area of the law.
(London Observer Service)

No right to be pregnant

THREE JUDGES ruled recently that a 17-year-old girl should be sterilised for her own good because she has a mental age of five.

The ruling is expected to start a flood of similar cases and is likely to have broad repercussions for the rights of handicapped people.

Lord Justice Dillon, sitting with Lord Justices Stephen Brown and Nicholls, in Appeal Court in London, said last month that the retarded girl, referred to as Jeanette, was now becoming sexually aware. The prospect of her becoming pregnant, he said, was frightening.

He added: "Sterilisation would take away a basic human right but the loss of that right would mean nothing to her. She is as small child herself. Mentally, child bearing can provide nothing of benefit to her."

Jeanette, who will be 18 next month, is from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the northeast of England,

and is in the care of Sunderland council. Social workers made the court application, supported by the girl's mother.

The sterilization decision was immediately attacked by health groups.

Dr. Dick Thompson, assistant director of the Mental Health Foundation, said: "Once you start along this road, where do you stop?"

Lord Justice Dillon said any use of the contraceptive pill could react badly with other medicines Jeanette was taking. It was also difficult to make sure she took pills regularly.

A spokeswoman for the National



Hats off to spring!

Gloria Deutsch

NOWDAYS it isn't just religious women or synagogue-goers who wear hats. More and more women are realizing that a hat gives the perfect finish to a beautiful outfit.

Helen Gurkewich, who began importing hats four years ago and found them selling like the proverbial hot-cakes.

"You see more and more hats on the streets as a casual accessory and not just something reserved for a simcha or for going to synagogue," she says.

Helen's spring collection contains headgear that probably wouldn't

look out of place at Ascot or at a Buckingham Palace garden party. Huge cartwheel straws are "in," trimmed with half-veils and organza bows, and upturned brims are a special feature on this year's models.

For the women who prefer a smaller hat, there are many fashionable styles to choose from, in particular a useful little sailor hat which goes with anything and a tulle-trimmed cocktail "wedding" hat for those

who like the "Princess Di" look. Helen's hats come from England, the U.S., Canada, and Italy, and find their way all over the country, from Haifa as far south as Netivot. An observant woman herself, she says that while many of her customers are religious, her hats also appeal to other women, adding that she counts Christian Arab women from East Jerusalem and Nazareth among the customers who come to her home in Petah Tikva.

"I never ever rush anybody or let them go out in something that looks wrong on them. I get tall women wanting small hats and tiny women

wanting huge hats. I try to be diplomatic and direct them to something more suitable for their height," says Helen.

Recently a customer came in, after searching unsuccessfully for a hat for her daughter's wedding. Her dress was jade green and she had despaired of ever finding a hat of that colour. Helen found one in the exact shade of green, the customer was radiant as the bride.

"She called me the next day and blessed me," says Helen. "It's at times like this that I know I'm in the right business."

S. Africa's elections: Few women are running

Jonathan Sharp/
Johannesburg

FOR FEMINISTS in South Africa, the good news is a five-fold increase in the number of women running for Parliament in this week's white-only election.

The bad news is: That still does not mean much. Only four women were candidates in 1981. The 22 running this time, represent less than five per cent of the total number of 479 candidates.

For at least some of those few white women who have made the grade in politics, the fact that women still have only a token presence is not cause for undue concern.

Bessie Scholtz is a case in point. She is one of only two women who now have seats in the 178-member House of Assembly. She is in no particular hurry, however, to see anything drastic done to correct this huge gender imbalance.

"I am not a women's libber," she says — given her views on the role of women this is an understatement. Scholtz, 65, has 11 children and never dreamed, she says, of entering politics before they were old enough to look after themselves. As far as Scholtz is concerned, the South African woman is first a mother, a wife and a homemaker.

Her views are not universally

shared by her countrywomen. They are typical though, of the deeply conservative Afrikaner, the Dutch-descended people who form the majority of white South Africans. The lowly role for women in South Africa is not confined to politics. One has to look hard to find even a handful of women in the top echelons of government or education. In business, if a woman makes it to the top, she is a focus of attention from the local media — an event.

ONE WOMAN who has been an event in South Africa for more than 25 years is Scholtz's fellow parliamentarian, Helen Suzman.

For more than a decade of her time in Parliament, the urbane, articulate Suzman, who represents the affluent white constituency of Houghton in Johannesburg, was the lone parliamentary voice opposing apartheid.

Scholtz is a complete contrast to Suzman in background, style and ideology. Soft-spoken and unsophisticated, she lives in a bungalow in a

nondescript suburban sprawl called Germiston, east of Johannesburg. She is a member of the Conservative Party, an organisation so right-wing that it considers the government of President P.W. Botha, hopelessly liberal.

For the conservatives, nothing but hard-line apartheid will do. "There is no ill-feeling in our party towards blacks," she says at her home, while her black maid potters around barefoot in the background.

"We just think that they should go their way and we should go ours."

"Their way," means blacks living in the tribal homelands set up as semi-autonomous entities by the South African government.

It also means segregation in public places such as theatres and beaches, plus a return to the laws repealed last year which restricted the movement of blacks around the country.

Scholtz and many like her in South Africa's Afrikaner heartland, often appears to be oblivious to the fact that what they are advocating is viewed as ultra-reactionary outside this country.

The blacks are "quite content" in the homelands, she says, without a flicker of hesitation.

The blacks should not be given

land because "blacks are not farmers...Don't give a black man a piece of land, he won't make a success of it."

Scholtz speaks with affection, but also with the same unthinking condescension, about her maid, Paulina Maphala, whom she refers to as "my girl," even though she has been with the Scholtz's for 30 years.

"We are getting old together," Scholtz says with a smile. And if she has her way, her 11 children will be getting old before discrimination, whether on grounds of sex or race, are done away with in South Africa. (Reuters)

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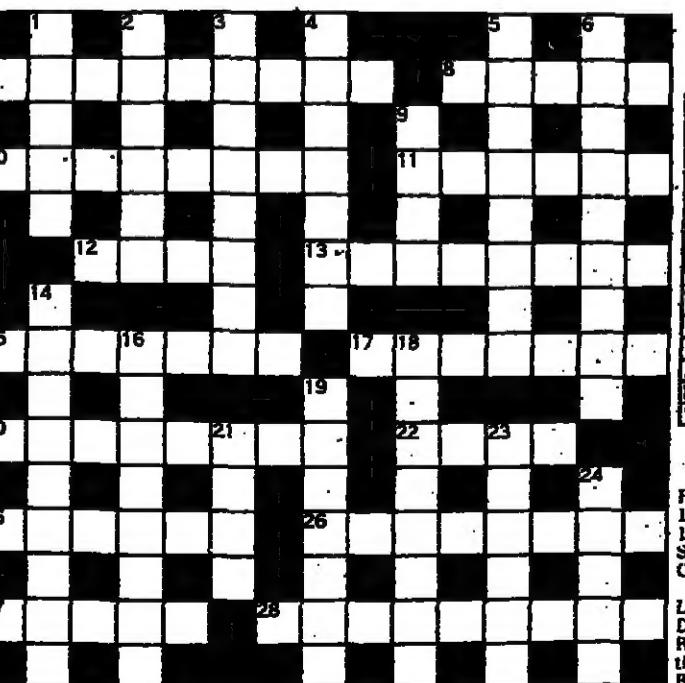
700 gauge used on Egypt's lifeline (9)
8 Hard resin from a notably soft-centred fuel (5)
10 Crafty manual work (8)
11 Did they beget the earliest corner-boys? (6)
12 Hungry girl who shall be nameless (4)
13 It's a lesson to students being ordered out during test (8)
15 Outdoes a group of higher social standing (7)
17 Slag about to go arm in arm — returns (7)

28 Ate Crete meal — and more to follow (2,6)
22 Man in the water (4)
25 He gets a lease without a letter, we hear (6)
26 Nocturnal melody? (5,5)
27 She sends a Pasternak heroine round the bend (5)
28 Capital needlewoman (9)

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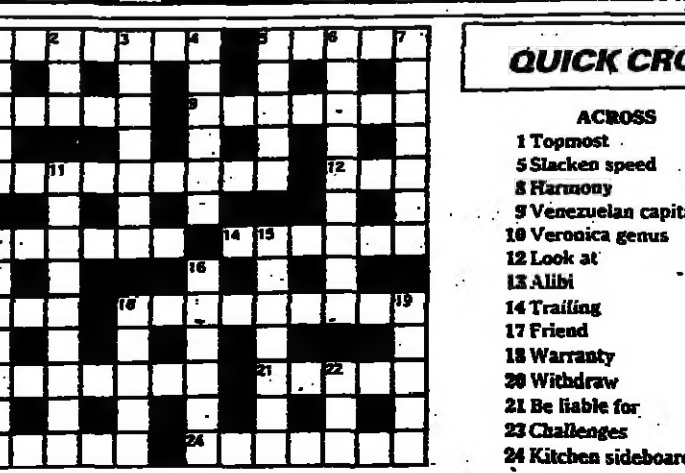
1 Help a cardinal to be a saint (5)
2 & 16 Palgrave collection in safe-keeping at Fort Knox? (6,8)
3 Nomadic Eritrean servant of lost-standing (8)

4 Does it again inspite of indignation (7)
5 Most enduring member of the aircraft, apparently (8)
6 Alec is shaken over being scolded: quite cut up, in fact (9)
9 Go without food in a tight fix (4)
14 A valet or his master (9)
16 See 2
18 Given Lily designed is being kept out of sight (5,3)
19 Shrewd way to collect a pound (7)
21 Looks like an Oriental agreement (4)
23 Being deadly makes all the difference (6)
24 Computerised unit of information about a chemical (5)



Thursday's Solution

ACROSS: 1, Slag; 2, Nudge; 3, Red Indian; 4, Stout; 11, Prevent; 12, Tennie; 13, Surrender; 16, Cities; 17, Canned; 18, Registrar; 21, Secured; 22, Evening; 25, Learn; 26, Conductor; 27, Settles; 28, Returns. DOWN: 1, Stripes; 2, Nudge; 3, Lance; 4, Twisted; 5, Monitor; 6, Districts; 7, Chorister; 8, Litters; 14, Ringtail; 15, Endurance; 17, Castles; 18, Reduces; 19, Gleaner; 20, Regards; 23, Exult; 24, Inter.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Topmost
5 Slacken speed
8 Harmony
9 Venezuelan capital
10 Veronica genus
12 Look at
13 Allibi
14 Trailing
17 Friend
18 Warrant
20 Withdraw
21 Be liable for
23 Challenges
24 Kitchen sideboard

DOWN

1 Protuberances
2 Empty talk (sl.)
3 Portuguese money
4 Marked off
5 Gemstone
6 St Michael (anag.)
7 London district (4,3)
11 Moving staircase
13 Run out
15 Inspect
16 Separated
18 Turnover
19 Mistake
22 Type of lettuce

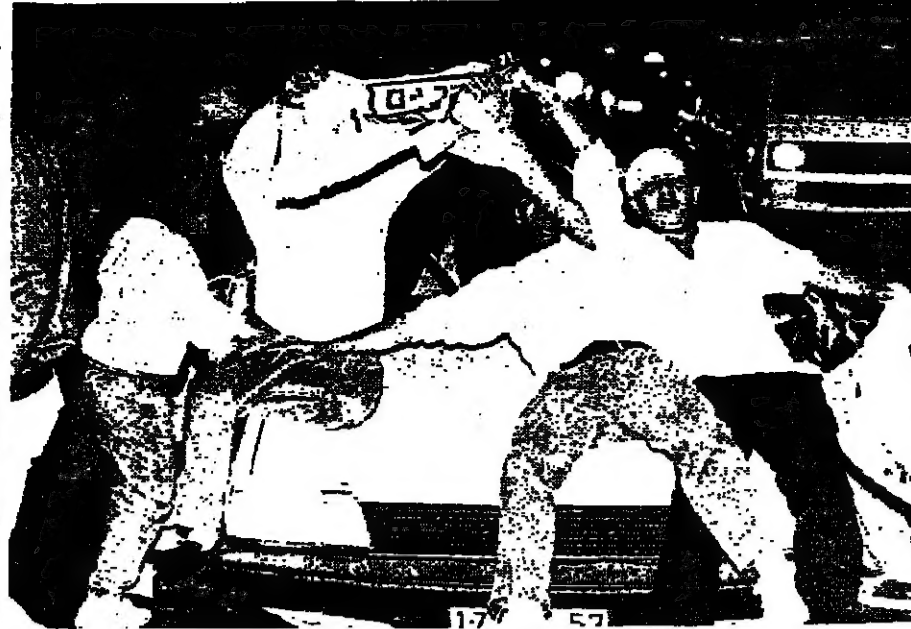
Betar fill cup of glory for Jerusalem



HEROES MEET. — Gerry Vandermolen, Sammy Malca, and Hanan Azulai meet Shlomo Shirazi as they are all borne around Bloomfield



IDOL. — Eli Ohana, the incomparable striker, receives the tribute of his adoring fans.



WAITING AT THE GATES. — Betar fans, who were not at the match, wait at the entrance of Jerusalem for their returning stars. (Dan Landau)

MATCH REPORT: Maccabi Tel Aviv 0, Betar Jerusalem 2

Malca, Shirazi produce goods

By MIKE SCHWARTZ

TEL AVIV. — Five minutes were left in the first half of an encounter which had glued 2,000 Betar supporters to the stands as their heroes struggled to hold an aggressive Maccabi Tel Aviv at arms length from the Jerusalem goal. A long clearance rolled to Sammy Malca, the Betar midfielder, who had looked uncomfortable up till that moment against the vicious tackles of Micky Cohen, the man Maccabi had allotted to press him.

The diminutive Malca glided to this 10m. of the left hand side of a penalty area, and then, without looking up to size out the goals, changing stride, he slammed a lightning shot into the Maccabi net. His brilliant shot provided a fitting prelude to an historic moment in Israeli football — Betar Jerusalem had opened the scoring against Maccabi Tel Aviv and were on to win their first league title.

It came as no surprise that the match was dominated by two players who have worn the Betar Colours for more than a decade. Both Yossi Mizrahi and Hanan Azulai have played under the shadow of the great Uri Malmilian, but yesterday they were the driving force of Betar's victory.

While the rest of the Betar side celebrated the opening goal, their captain, Azulai kept his cool. On the stroke of half-time Eli Dricks looked certain to pull back a quick equaliser. The Maccabi centre-forward had broken past his marker, Udi Ashush, and had drawn Yossi Mizrahi off his goal-line. Before he could get in a shot, however, Hanan Azulai had swooped down upon him and robbed him of the ball with a perfectly timed sliding tackle.

Maccabi Tel Aviv began the second half at a storming pace. In the 48th minute, they forced a corner. Alon Nathan's flat cross came across the face of the goal and fell at the feet of the bulky mid-fielder Haim Goldberg. The thud echoing from his shot reverberated throughout the stadium. But Yossi Mizrahi was in perfect position to catch the ball and had launched a counter-attack before most of the people watching knew that Maccabi's attack had ended.

Mizrahi was not allowed time to catch his breath. Two minutes later, Micky Cohen was presented with a free header in front of the Betar goal. This time, Mizrahi chose to palm the ball over the bar after executing an elegant back dive that would have been more in place had

there been a swimming pool to break his fall.

From the resulting corner, the unflinching keeper was forced to dive at the feet of Alon Nathan after the talented Maccabi winger had been allowed free space on the edge of the five metre box, and was poised to run the ball into the goal.

Maccabi continued to press forward. In the 60th minute, Haim Goldberg hit the post with a spectacular 35m. shot. The Betar crowd massed in section 8 began to chant, and their players on the field responded. Avi Golder hustled his way down the left hand touch line. He knocked a pass across to Eli Ohana who continued the passage of the ball on to Malmilian. The Betar maestro had spotted Shlomo Shirazi advancing towards the goal from the left flank, and released a perfectly weighted ball, which Shirazi latched on to and hammered into the far corner of Bonny Ginzberg's net.

The final half-hour was played to the rhythm of drums and chants, as Betar supporters began to celebrate the title that had eluded them for so long, and was certainly theirs at last.

The match ended when a yellow smoke-bomb exploded on the pitch and a misty fog covered the field.

SOCCER REVIEW

League taken in style

By YORAM KESSEL

Soccer fans in Jerusalem have waited for yesterday evening since the first league competition was staged in this country in 1932. The capital never took the title till the 49th national league championship.

They achieved the victory in style at their adopted temporary home, the Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa, with a highly competent 2-0 victory over third-placed Maccabi Tel Aviv. For Jerusalem, prior to this, there have been only five trophies — all in the Cup, four for Betar and one for Hapoel.

After their wonderful triumph was attained shortly before 7 p.m., the marvellously loyal hordes of Betar supporters took to the pitch in ecstasy to cheer their heroes. The flags were unfurled, the champagne corks popped and the singing was loud and cheerful, if not tumultuous.

Appeals from the club management to ensure that the solemnity of Remembrance Day be scrupulously observed means that the heroes' welcome in Jerusalem to the team has had to be postponed.

The Betar loyalists are firmly convinced that carnival time will come for them when the team take the State Cup, making it a double, early next month. Maccabi Tel Aviv will have another chance to deprive them

of their just deserts — they are Betar's semi-final opponents on May 26 at Ramat Gan, while Maccabi Haifa play Betar Tel Aviv in the other semi-final.

Betar had taken the pitch knowing that the title could be theirs, not only in theory, as has been the case for weeks now, but in reality, for their closest challengers Be'er Yehuda had been held 1-1 by Hapoel Petah Tikva in a morning kick-off. Indeed, the Hapoel side's incredible 26-pass unbroken run had been on the verge of extinction. The young home side dominated proceedings, and it came as no surprise when Be'er Yehuda was forced to support their wayward strikers and cracked Petah Tikva ahead with only 16 minutes to go.

Only a disastrous error by the home goalie, Ronnie Djerbi, deprived Petah Tikva of the distinction of handing Be'er Yehuda their first defeat. Michel Dayan lofted what he admitted himself was an intended centre. Djerbi had, however, left his line and he misjudged the high ball completely. It floated over his head and the wind carried it home into the empty net with a bare four minutes remaining.

Maccabi Jaffa, whose escapes from relegation in the past have made Hapoel seem like a mere spectator, finally took the crowd drop to the Second Division. The young home side was when Orit Ben-Haim's potential levelling penalty was saved by Leo's Yitzhak Ben Odia.

The position of Maccabi Yavne deteriorated as they were deprived of a winner's three points by Rafi Cohen with a second half equaliser in Petah Tikva, while their rivals, trying to avoid the third relegation spot, Betar Tel Aviv staged a magnificent fight-back, twice coming from behind to defeat Kfar Sava by the odd goal in five, the biggest scoreline of the day.

Another team who are not quite out of the woods yet are last year's champions Hapoel Tel Aviv. They held a five point advantage over Yavne, with three games left. But they have

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mac. P. Tikva	(01)	Mac. Yavne	(011)
Raf. Cohen, 63		Ya'acov, 29 (pen)	
Hap. P. Tikva	(011)	Bnei Yehuda	(01)
Bodimuk, 72		Dayan, 86	
Mac. Netanya	(01)	Mac. Haifa	(09)
Tikva, 58			
Mac. Tel Aviv	(09)	Bet. J'm	(112)
		Shirazi, 62	
		Shimshon, 61	
Hap. T. Aviv	(12)	Bet. T. Aviv	(13)
Hap. K. Sava	(212)	Yaron Cohen, 23	
Revivo, 22, 27		Amram, 39	
		David Lavi, 44 (pen)	
Hap. Beersheba	(213)	Bet. Netanya	(09)
Sultan, 6			
Shoshan, 11			
Yavne, 74			
Mac. Jaffa	(11)	Hap. Lod	(12)
Digul, 17		Smadja, 28, 45 (pen)	

SOCCER ROUND UP

SECOND DIVISION

Hap. Maronah	2	Bet. Nahariya	0
Bet. Ramat	2	Hap. Dimona	0
Hakoach R. Gan	0	Hap. Yehud	1
Mac. R. Amidar	1	Hap. B. Sheva	0
Hap. Jerusalem	3	Hap. R. Gan	0
Hap. Haifa	1	Hap. Hadera	1
Hap. Acre	0	Hap. Holon	1
Hap. Tiberias	1	Mac. Sha'arayim	1

STANDINGS

After 27 rounds						
1. Hap. J'lem	14	7	6	33	21	48
2. Hap. Haifa	12	11	4	35	17	47
3. Holon	12	10	5	30	13	43
4. Hoderim	12	9	6	30	13	43
5. Amudim	12	8	7	25	24	42
6. Yehud	10	9	8	28	26	41
7. Sha'araim	8	12	7	33	17	36
8. Acre	8	12	7	27	24	36
9. Tiberias	10	6	11	33	31	36
10. Beit Shean	8	14	5	23	24	36
11. Ramle	7	12	8	23	33	33
12. Hap. R. Gan	11	9	7	21	33	33
13. Haichok	7	7	12	18	23	31
14. Marmorek	8	6	13	27	34	30
15. Nahariya	4	8	15	17	33	20
16. Dimona	3	7	17	17	42	16

scored only 18 goals all season long, and this was not augmented by their terrible goalless draw with Shimshon, which nearly drove the 26,000 packed house at Bloomfield insane from utter boredom. A fact which has hardly helped anyone to hope that they may be saved the well-deserved ignominy of Second Division football next season.

Altogether, it was a day for Jerusalem. Hapoel, engaged in a bitter four-team battle for promotion, stole a march on their rivals through a

splendid 3-0 victory at home over Hapoel Ramat Gan, while Hapoel Haifa were happy to grab a second half equalizer and to share points with Hapoel Hadera, the third serious challenger. Hapoel Holon put themselves into a contention by registering an impressive away win in the normally unbreachable home bastion at Acre.

Hapoel Games bring sporting festival to Israel

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — The opening ceremony of the \$3m. 13th Hapoel Games at the Ramat Gan Stadium tomorrow night is a sell-out. Some 40,000 spectators are expected to see a mammoth spectacle by 6,000 youthful dancers and gymnasts starting at 8 p.m. President Chaim Herzog will open the Games officially at 9.20 p.m. The traditional march past of the participating sportsmen will follow the hour-long artistic element of the opening ceremony, which took nine months to prepare.

The 1,800 athletes from 39 countries will not be in the stadium to see the mass calisthenics but they can watch the show on a large screen erected for that purpose at a football field, near the main arena but outside it.

Other highlights of the ceremony will be the arrival of the torchbearer, whose identity has been kept a tight secret. He will handle a 15m. high flame standard that includes 1,000 neon tubes through which water will pass, the structure providing fountain-and-light performance. The torch will be lit today at the grave of David Ben Gurion in Sde Boker and will be carried from there in relays by 360 runners.

The Hapoel organizers have also promised a fireworks display of exceptional brilliance. A huge electronic screen has been brought to the Ramat Gan stadium from the U.K. It was erected by British engineers. The festive opening will be televised live.

In the sports parade, the largest foreign contingent will be from France, with 250 sportsmen. The groups from Belgium, Germany, and Switzerland number 120 participants each. An especially warm welcome is sure to be accorded to the 26 Poles, the 24 Hungarians and the 50 Rumanians. Several African countries, with whom Israel does not have diplomatic relations, will be represented. Among the VIP guests from abroad will be the Olympic chairman of West Germany, the Ivory Coast, Liberia, Zaire and El Salvador. Mr. Yitzhak Ofek, chairman of Hapoel and the Israel Olympic Committee, announced on Thursday.

Ministers, MKs, the diplomatic corps and the Secretary General of the Histadrut, Yisrael Kessar, will also attend. A major disappointment for sports fans will be the absence

from the track of Calvin Smith, the world's 100m. record-holder and Harvey Glance, also of the U.S., another of the world's fastest sprinters over 100 and 200m. Calvin Smith was injured last week at a meet in California.

A non-competing guest at the Games will be Poland's former world champion Jewish runner Irena Szewienska. Poland has sent their national squad at basketball, which will compete in a tournament against the national teams of West Germany, Canada and Israel.

The athletes from overseas will contest 22 sports in different parts of the country. The highest level of competition will be in athletics, gymnastics and swimming. The last day of the games, Monday May 11, will be crowned by the soccer double-header at Ramat Gan in which Glasgow Rangers, the new champions of Scotland, will play Israel's Olympic team, and Liverpool, second in the English First Division, will line up against the Israel national team.

From May 5 to 9, 2,000 sportsmen from work places, including 200 from abroad, will compete in eight sports in a "Sportiada" to be staged in Eilat, Ofek announced.

BRITISH SOCCER

Mersey sides falter in straight

LONDON (Reuters).

— Everton, on the verge of winning the English league championship for the past two weeks, squandered two points when they were held to a goalless draw at home by bottom club Manchester City yesterday.

Everton's nearest rivals, Liverpool lost 1-0 at Coventry and an Everton victory would — barring some highly improbable results — have given them back the championship they surrendered to their Merseyside rivals a year ago.

Everton can however guarantee themselves the title if they win at Norwich tomorrow.

One title was confirmed yesterday, however, when Glasgow Rangers, in a match full of incidents, including the sending off of skipper Graeme Souness, drew 1-1 with Aberdeen.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen 1, Rangers 1; Celtic 1, Falkirk 2; Dundee 0, Motherwell 0; Dundee U2, Hibernian 1; Hamilton 1, St. Mirren 0; Hearts 1, Dundee 2.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
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CAESAREA GOLF

CAESAREA. — Crant, the best known golf club in Switzerland, and reputed to be among the finest courses in Europe sent a team of 14 golfers headed by their club's president Gustav Berner to play against the Caesarea golf club.

On Tuesday the matches were four ball better ball which Caesarea won comfortably by five games to two.

Saturday's format was singles match-play. Caesarea once again winning 8-4 with two matches drawn. Caesarea were thus 13-6 overall winners with two halved games.

The Crant and Caesarea clubs agreed to make the meeting an annual event to be played alternately in Israel and Switzerland.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yoram Kessel.

SOFTBALL

36ers close gap

Crazy Richards and the 36ers swept doubleheaders yesterday putting them back into the race for top spot in the Israel Softball League as leaders Maccabi Tel Aviv did not play.

The Mers' Mark Kleinman pitched and won both ends of their twinnish against UN Golan in Knesset, a 4-3 squeaker in the opener and a 14-5 romp in the nightcap. The wins pulled the second-placed 36ers within a half game of Maccabi.

At the Sportek in Tel Aviv, Crazy Richards took two from Arad, winning the first game 24-1 and blanking the visitors in the second 12-0. Crazy Richards are now one game out of first place.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Detroit pull even

TORONTO (AP). — Bob Probert's goal at 10:29 of the third period snapped a tie and lifted the Detroit Red Wings to a 4-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Friday night, evening the Norris Division finals at three wins apiece.

Thursday's results: Adams Division — Quebec Nordiques 3, Montreal Canadiens 2 (Series tied 3-3); Patrick Division — New York Islanders 4, Philadelphia Flyers 2 (Series tied 3-3).

BASEBALL

Ryan's bat 'pops' as Braves fizzle

NEW YORK (AP). — Nolan Ryan said he didn't have any "pop" in his fastball, but he had it in his bat.

"It's like the seven-year itch," Ryan said of the second home run of his 30-year major league career, a three-run shot in the seventh inning on Friday night that gave Houston a 10-0 lead. His first home came in, 1980.

Although he said he didn't have command of most of his pitches, Ryan flirted with his sixth no-hitter as Houston defeated Atlanta 12-3.

"I didn't feel like I was popping the ball, but I never get a good feel in this park (County Stadium, Atlanta) for some reason," Ryan, 32, said after throwing hitless ball for 5 1/3 innings. He left with two out in the seventh when he lost his bid for the 55th shutout of his career on an RBI single by Glenn Hubbard.

The Astros got a solo home run from Kevin Bass, his fourth, in the seventh before Ryan hit his three-run homer after a double by Alan Ashby and a single by Bert Pena.

In other National League games, it was the New York Mets 7, Montreal 6; Pittsburgh 4, San Francisco 3; Chicago 7, San Diego 5; Cincinnati 8, Philadelphia 5; and St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 4 in 10 innings.

In the American League, it was the Chicago

White Sox 5, Baltimore 1; Milwaukee 10, Seattle 8; Minnesota 7, New York Yankees 4; Toronto 3, Texas 2 in 10 innings; Boston 12, California 3; and Oakland 2, Detroit 1 in 13 innings.

Thursday's American League results: Oakland 4, Milwaukee 1; Detroit 12, California 4; Seattle 11, Boston 2.

National League Scores: St. Louis 5, San Diego 4; Cincinnati 8, Atlanta 3; San Francisco 5, Chicago 4; New York Mets 7, Montreal 6; Pittsburgh 5, Los Angeles 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	13	8	.619	—
New York	12	9	.571	1
Chicago	11	10	.524	2
Pittsburgh	9	11	.450	3 1/2
Montreal	8	12	.381	5
Philadelphia	7	14	.333	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	16	7	.696	—
San Francisco	16	8	.667	1/2
Houston	13	9	.591	2 1/2
Los Angeles	12	12	.500	4 1/2
Atlanta	9	13	.409	6 1/2
San Diego	6	18	.250	10 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	19	3	.864	—
New York	14	8	.636	5
Toronto	13	9	.591	5 1/2
Boston	10	13	.435	9 1/2
Baltimore	9	15	.375	10
Detroit	9	14	.391	10 1/2
Cleveland	9	14	.391	10 1/2

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	13	9	.591	—
California	12	12	.500	2
Seattle	12	12	.500	2
Kansas City	10	14	.417	4
Oakland	8	16	.333	6
Texas	8	16	.333	6
Chicago	7	17	.286	6 1/2

TENNIS Amos misses a big win

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Amos Mansdorf was edged out 4-6, 6-2, 5-7 by French ace Yannick Noah on Friday in the singles semi-finals of an exhibition tennis tournament in Lausanne, Switzerland. The 22-year-old Israeli champion failed to take advantage of two match points in the third set.

Gluckstein continued his disappointing run and lost in the opening round of the 16 draw event.

Mansdorf will compete in an eight-man series in Osaka this week, where the entry includes Bjorn Borg, Jimmy Connors, Brad Gilbert and Tim Wilkison.

Israeli women's champion Dana Berger, 21, lost in the second round of the \$40,000 WTA English circuit in Sutton last week. She had a better run in the opening event of the four tournament series in London in the previous week however, when she reached the semi-finals.

Berger also distinguished herself in doubles play in Sutton where she and Yael Sharvit, who is making her debut in the women's pro circuit, reached the semi-finals.

COMMENT

Independence Day and sport

The emphasis this Independence Day is going to be on sport and the performing arts, with the highlights the opening of the Hapoel Games and the lighting of the torches by various artists. This is unique to the history of our celebrations of Independence Day, and it is a very welcome development.

In a sense this new way of marking our most joyous occasion indicates that we have joined the comity of Western nations. A massive display of planes, tanks, missiles and marching men, designed to overawe and intimidate friends and foes alike, is someone else's idea of fun.

The Hapoel Games getting under way as Independence Day winds down tomorrow evening promises amiable yet exciting, robust yet friendly, competition in the best tradition of international sports. We have gathered here together thousands of top athletes from workers' sports organisations in the world, including representatives of Eastern European and African countries. Also many national teams in various sports.</

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Sovereignty and security

ISRAEL'S independence was won and sustained by an enormous investment of mind, men and money in the usages of security. That investment had and continues to have the nation's top priority.

In an earlier day it was commemorated on Independence Day by a parade of a military parade, which paid homage to the defence establishment but also instilled confidence in a nation encircled by enemies. Unlike countries spared the test of incessant and immediate external threat, Israel never diluted the link between sovereignty and strength. Celebration of one was celebration of the other.

Israelis, more mature and more confident today than to require the assurance of military parades, nevertheless, know that it is an equation whose force persists.

Never publicly celebrated, but also never forgotten, was the immense contribution to the nation's safety attributable to the state's secret security arms. The anonymous men and women of these forces, whether in action at home or abroad, were as instrumental in preserving the state's independence as the tanks and planes of the visible army.

Anonymity and secrecy were, and remain, the condition of their success. That was never doubted. But the security was freely granted, beyond the ordinary checks and balances of democratic society, because the citizenry from top to bottom was certain it would not be abused — that the values of a free society, grounded in law, would be preserved by administrative controls and traditions, though insulated from scrutiny.

Yet as the state enters its 40th year, question marks have emerged concerning this vital enclave of its defence establishment. The Pollard Affair exposed clandestine activities, with a life of their own that either violated or confounded other considerations of the national interest.

And, more important, what became known as the Shin Bet Affair, and now the Nafsu case, exposed deliberate and systematic violation of the judicial system by those empowered to safeguard internal security.

These excesses have inevitably provoked pressures that would breach the walls of secrecy. The Pollard case is the subject of two separate public inquiries, and the Shin Bet, having fended off scrutiny in one cover-up is now beset by even more vigorous pressure in the Nafsu case by an indignant judicial system.

Much remains concealed. But Police Minister Haim Bar Lev made public the essence of the issue. Subterfuge during investigation, he said, was a legitimate tactic. But subterfuge and misrepresentation by an arm of the state in an Israeli court of law, whether civilian or military, was absolutely unacceptable.

This apparently has crystallized as the issue in the Nafsu case. Pursuing it in the courts, the Shin Bet fears would sorely compromise its operational capacities. It has demanded instead a secret commission of inquiry. Such a probe could also define new limits and standards.

The demand has much to commend it, but only if the security service is indeed to be subject to the reforms that would be stipulated.

Secrecy is a heady power. In a democracy it is a grave responsibility. When abused, it inevitably compromises those arms of the security array for which it is a necessary condition, thus jeopardizing national security itself.

On this Independence Day, far from the festivities and fireworks, it is this region of the nation's safety and integrity that has come into question. It is essential to our independence that it be repaired if the equation of sovereignty and strength is to be maintained.

SHULTZ

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meeting will in fact get off the ground.

The New York Times yesterday quoted one administration official as saying: "It's like everything in the Middle East except war — it goes very slowly. There has clearly been some real progress recently, but everything could fall apart."

Beyond the two procedural problems, the Americans also cited the very serious split in Jerusalem between Shamir, who opposes such an

international parley, and Peres, who strongly supports it.

If the remaining procedural obstacles are in fact removed, U.S. officials are bracing for a political crisis in Israel which would presumably further delay the peace process.

The Times yesterday said that Peres "has apparently drawn encouragement from a recent meeting that he and Defence Minister Rabin are reported to have held with King Hussein of Jordan."

STATEMENT

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"My sense is that King Hussein wants the conference very much," Jabber said. "He and Peres and possibly [Egyptian President Hosni] Mubarak appear to have agreed on the general outlines."

In Jerusalem, Peres's aides maintained that there had been in recent days "additional progress" in Israel-U.S.-Jordanian contacts regarding the problem of Palestinian representation. On the other hand, they reported no progress on the two other outstanding obstacles to the convening of the conference — the absence of Israeli-Soviet relations and the problem of the length and frequency of the conference plenum's session or sessions.

Foreign Ministry sources yesterday continued to insist that the "reports as published" of a recent Peres-Hussein meeting and the signing by the two — as reported in the U.S. — of a draft agreement on going to an international conference were "totally baseless."

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office, meanwhile, denied that the U.S. was exerting pressure on Shamir to support Peres's efforts to convene a conference. The sources

said only that U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering on Friday discussed the state of play about the conference with Shamir in Jerusalem and that Shamir stuck to his anti-conference guns.

The Likud ministers, led by Shamir, on Friday met and decided unanimously to oppose both going to a conference and early elections, which they believe Peres is striving for.

The assessment among Labour stalwarts was that Shamir would try to delay an inner cabinet vote on the conference issue for a month and would try to persuade Peres not to force the issue after he and Peres visit Washington.

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrus Ghali yesterday told Radio Monte Carlo that there had been no change in Egypt's support of Palestinian national rights.

Asked whether Egypt still considered the PLO to be the sole legitimate Palestinian representative, Ghali responded: "I don't know. There was no change in the general diplomatic principles of the Egyptian government in this connection."

A season for peace

Arye Naor

THE EMERGENCE of the Jewish state from the ruins of European Jewry, the very occurrence of redemption immediately after holocaust, may be observed from different perspectives — political and religious, ideological and military, to mention but a few. Nevertheless, 39 years does not provide a synoptic, historically adequate perspective. A much longer period must pass before the human mind is capable of realistically perceiving and correctly analysing that unprecedented process. Right now we can only point at the fact, so strongly demonstrated during this week of remembrance, that like the legendary Phoenix, the Jewish people rose from the ashes of the Holocaust and paved the way for renewing its days as of old. That is the essence of the process in which we are privileged to participate.

Even daily chronicles reveal the revolution this generation has gone through. The Jewish state, a stable, recognized member of the international community, is now in the course of negotiating peace with its neighbours following the first treaty of peace already signed with the greatest, most powerful Arab country.

Decisions made in Jerusalem by the Knesset and the government are among the main factors shaping the future of the Middle East, thus contributing to the establishment of world order. Some of the best armaments in the world were manufactured in Israel. The Lavi and the Merkava, the Gali rifle and the Gabriel missiles, are well known among military experts and on international markets.

According to foreign sources, Israel is really one of the world powers. The quantity of tanks the IDF operates is three times as much as the British army does, and the IDF has as many combat aircraft as the French Air Force. Who could imagine that a nuclear capacity would be attributed to the refugees who survived the Nazi death camps?

Even last year's unnecessary scandals demonstrate this proposition clearly. From Pollard to Vanunu, from Irangate to South Africa, Israel is a major actor on the global stage and the part it plays is no mean one. Even a person usually critical of at least some of these affairs cannot deny their meaning from the point of

view of recent Jewish history. Indeed, a real revolution has taken place in our time. We are no longer defenceless victims, permanent objects of oppression, selected to suffer torture and pogroms, and never again shall we be such.

This is a result of the fighting spirit of the generation who realized that what had happened in the course of Jewish history in general, and during the Holocaust in particular, could not have happened had the Jewish people been powerful enough to defend itself and even to counter-attack.

It is due to the self-sacrifice of those brave soldiers who gave their lives, first for the establishment and then for the survival of Israel, that it is possible to discuss peace.

No one gave us our independence on a silver platter. We had to fight for it and pay the full price. And now the time for talk has come, perhaps one of the greatest achievements of our military victory.

INITIALLY the national target was to establish the state and win the War of Independence. Then came the great aliyah, and absorption became the first national priority, while intensive settlement on the land and the building of a strong army continued simultaneously.

The strength of the armed forces was again demonstrated in the 1956 war. Then 10 years of rest from war were used to strengthen the economy, improve school and higher education and continue the building of the army. All these investments paid dividends in 1967.

It is still too early to decide whether or not a real opportunity to make peace was missed after the amazing victory in the Six Day War. Nevertheless, it is a fact that on June 19, 1967, only a week after the cease-fire, the national unity government decided that, in exchange for peace with Egypt and Syria, Israel was ready to withdraw to the international borders with both countries — i.e., to give back all the territory of Sinai and the Golan Heights — while the terms of peace with Jordan should be decided upon later.

And NO, with a capital N, was the answer from the Arab summit in Khartoum. A long war of attrition and another massive war were still needed before Egypt could come to

Dry Bones

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AND HOPE FOR A GOOD YEAR.



the conclusion that there was no military solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

BUT NOW, after Egypt has reached that rational, positive standpoint, peace is no longer just a dream. The peace with Egypt has given Israel an opportunity to break the circle of hatred — the main cause of the 40-year war.

"Having liberated our country, it is our wish to make peace," said then prime minister Menachem Begin when he presented the Camp David accords to the Knesset. "Let us make peace and build our country for eternal grandeur," he added.

Zionism has always wanted peace between Jews and Arabs, for both moral and political considerations. The realization of the Zionist ideology requires peace, without which stability is far from guaranteed. As our sages said, "No vessel but peace holds blessing." More than that, achieving peace is not an instrument, but an end in itself. Now that seems as if the time for peace is approaching at last, are we really ready for it?

This is a question the Israeli polity can no longer ignore. It appears that one can no longer say seriously that we don't have anyone to talk with. Negotiating peace with Jordan under the umbrella of an international Middle East peace conference is becoming an option to which all

the political parties should seriously relate. But instead of discussing the conditions of peace, the politicians argue about the procedure of negotiations, which has been made a sacred matter of ideology.

THAT IS a mistake from the point of view of those who really do not want another partition of Eretz Yisrael. By arguing that an international conference necessarily means complete withdrawal from Judea, Samaria and Gaza, they ignore the other possibility — to implement what was agreed upon at Camp David. It is impossible to achieve more than that, and by giving the impression that an international conference necessarily means much less, they make it impossible to have even that.

Taking the international negotiating process seriously, one should not expect Israel to make more concessions if the Camp David accords are thrown away. The agreement on the basis of which Israel has already returned the whole of the Sinai peninsula to Egypt also provides a basis for the continuation of the process.

According to the agreement, Israel, Egypt and the United States should have a joint position in an international conference, namely, that autonomy should come first, for five years, during which a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan should be concluded. As stated,

upon the establishment of the self governing authority (administrative council), "there will be a withdrawal and the remaining Israeli forces be re-deployed in specified security locations." Five years later, the permanent status of the relevant territory would be determined by a consensus between Israel, Jordan and the representatives of the administrative council, "taking into consideration also the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their just requirements."

All this has already been agreed. The functional compromise of Camp David is the only realistic approach to resolving the conflict and laying the foundations for a just and lasting peace. With or without international mediation, no other approach seems to hold any promise. The option of an international conference should therefore be positively examined by the Likud too. Total rejection of the idea cannot promote either peace or the prospect of a permanent Israeli administration of Judea and Samaria. A military administration cannot last for ever. Sooner or later another arrangement must be made, and the framework for a comprehensive peace provides the model for that new arrangement.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven... A time for war, and a time for peace." Let us not miss the yearned time for peace.

READERS' LETTERS

OBJECTIVE REPORTING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — In your article of April 7, "Two stone throwers shot in capital," the Post reporter writes: "A member of the security forces shot two Palestinian men after they threw rocks that smashed the windows in his car." Both the lead paragraph and the headline indicate that it has already been established beyond a doubt that these two individuals were the ones that broke the windows.

It is not until the last sentence of the article that we learn that the police have not yet even decided whether or not they will arrest the men after they are released from the hospital. This would indicate that even the police doubt whether these are the men who threw the stones.

Salah el-Din Street in the middle of the afternoon is extremely crowded. It is most likely that many people ran when they heard the window smash and the warning shots. The Post, however, accepts as fact that they were indeed the stone throwers. Based on the facts, the headline could just as easily have read: "Two bystanders shot in Jerusalem."

RAJA SHEHADEH
Ramallah, Director, al-Haq/LSM

Sir. — When it comes to covering such a volatile issue as the Temple Mount, one would expect that The Jerusalem Post, the only English language newspaper in the country, would take the greatest care to report what occurs there with the

utmost accuracy. I was therefore shocked to read your article of April 16 in which you implied that the group known as the Temple Mount Faithful, led by Gershon Salomon of Jerusalem, tried to enter the Dome of the Rock in order to hold a prayer service there during Passover. Such an interpretation of what occurred is simply wrong.

Although the TMF group believes that Jews too should be given the right to hold a prayer service somewhere on the ancient Jewish site, it contents itself with walking around the Temple Mount, especially during the three traditional Jewish pilgrimages are carried out with the prior knowledge and consent of the police to the chagrin of the Moslems who seek to dominate the whole Mount and not just El Aksa and the Dome of the Rock.

The Moslems always seek some pretext to halt these pilgrimages and the fact that two or three Jews wanted to walk up the steps to the Golden Dome area (something which dozens of tourists do every few minutes) was sufficient to spark off a Moslem-instigated riot which was averted only when the police decided to close the gates and prevent any more Jewish pilgrims from entering the ancient Jewish Temple area. The Moslems, as in the past, again showed who is the boss on the Mount and who the real sovereign is.

JOSHUA J. ADLER
Jerusalem.

ECONOMIC REFORM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — Judging from recent articles and letters, it appears Israel's economic vassalage to the United States is increasingly taken for granted.

This would be dangerous enough if the U.S. were certain to remain economically sound and governed by friendly administrations. However, with the U.S. now the world's largest debtor nation and American businesses being routed or taken

over by foreigners indifferent or hostile to Israeli interests, the situation seems especially ominous.

Israel has made much progress in stabilizing her economy. Recent urgencies have deflected attention, however, and further reforms seem to have stalled. Israel should remember that George Shultz will not be around forever to threaten, cajole and pick up the pieces.

SETH A. HALPERN
Scarsdale, N.Y.

LETTERS OF LOVE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — Over the past year and a half, through Christian Friends of Israel, we have been attempting to build bridges of love where others have often built walls. One of the ways we have done this is through our worldwide relationship building programme called "Project Letters of Love." There are many Christian friends of Israel who desire to build a friendship with Israelis. In linking people together, we have been very encouraged at the positive responses and thank you notes from both Israeli and Christian families who have become good friends.

We ask the people of Israel, our friends, to become ambassadors for this nation by building relationships with those who not only want to visit Israel but also to meet their new friends.

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FACTS ABOUT CHRISTIE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — Allow me to correct some facts in Judge Haim Dvir's article of April 10, "The death penalty fits some crimes."

The notorious Rillington Place murderer Christie did not marry his victims. Most of them were unfortunate street-walkers whom he picked up in West London. The married woman he killed was the wife of his neighbour Evans, and it was this man Evans who was hanged, although innocent, for Christie's crime. It was this incident which resulted in the abolishment of the death penalty in England.

ANNE KAYE
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